

By: Senator(s) Witherspoon, Barnett, Jackson To: Rules
(11th), Jordan, Frazier, Butler, Blackmon,
Blount, Hopson, Jackson (32nd), Norwood,
Simmons (12th), Thomas, Turner-Ford, Simmons
(13th)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 528

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
2 SORORITY, INC., ON THE OCCASION OF ITS POLICY IMPACT "2020 AKA DAY
3 AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL" TO PROMOTE ADVOCACY AND TAKE
4 ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

5 WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, almost 200 members of Alpha Kappa
6 Alpha Sorority, Inc., answered the call to convene in Jackson,
7 Mississippi, to attend the "2020 Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the
8 Mississippi State Capitol" to network, receive a legislative
9 update, promote advocacy and take action as part of their
10 commitment to health care, human rights, social justice, political
11 awareness, the census count and overall commitment to statewide
12 civic engagement; and

13 WHEREAS, there are six Alpha Kappa Alpha women who serve as
14 members of the Mississippi Legislature which include
15 Representatives Sonya Williams-Barnes, Alyce G. Clarke, Angela
16 Cockerham, Debra Hendricks Gibbs, LaTaisha Jackson, and Senator
17 Tammy Witherspoon, who, along with other members of the
18 Legislature, discuss with those attending the event the status of



19 legislation relating to the public policy agenda and the program
20 initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

21 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded on the
22 campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., more than 112
23 years ago by nine visionary women under the leadership of Ethel
24 Hedgeman Lyle; and

25 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first
26 Greek-letter Sorority for college-educated African American women,
27 has grown from nine women in one undergraduate chapter in 1908 to
28 a dynamic international nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of
29 300,000 members in over 1,000 chapters throughout the United
30 States and nine other countries; and

31 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an indomitable
32 force for good in its communities, state, nation and the world
33 that transcends cultures and diplomatic borders dedicated to
34 transforming lives and positively impacting communities through
35 established international programs that are innovative, socially
36 relevant and measurable; and

37 WHEREAS, Glenda Glover, Ph.D., serves as the 30th
38 International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and
39 Mitzi Dease Paige, Esquire, serves as the 26th South Eastern
40 Regional Director; and

41 WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha
42 consists of more than 11,000 members in 108 chapters that work
43 independently and collectively to embrace and implement the



44 International program initiatives of Education-HBCU For Life: A
45 Call To Action, Women's Health and Wellness, Building Your
46 Economic Legacy, The Arts, and Global Impact, to improve the lives
47 of individuals and positively impact this great state, this nation
48 and the world; and

49 WHEREAS, each chapter member's efforts in supporting the
50 service programs contribute to the proud history and success of
51 Alpha Kappa Alpha, as service is the hallmark and signature of
52 Alpha Kappa Alpha; and

53 WHEREAS, because "AKA Day at the Capitol" is a national
54 political awareness initiative for the sorority to promote its
55 public policy agenda, thousands of members of this extraordinary
56 sorority travel to visit with state lawmakers around the country;
57 and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to acknowledge
59 the contributions of such organizations as Alpha Kappa Alpha
60 Sorority, Inc., where its members devote their talents, time and
61 energy in excess of 2.5 million hours of community service
62 advancing effective initiatives fostering a better and equal
63 quality of life for all individuals, especially the individuals of
64 the great State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
66 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
67 we do hereby commemorate Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on the
68 observance of the "2020 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the



69 Mississippi State Capitol" for its outstanding service to the
70 community under the program initiative, "Exemplifying Excellence
71 Through Sustainable Service" utilizing the power of the Perpetual
72 Pearl to be "Engaged, Enlightened and Energized."

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to committee representatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha
75 Sorority, Inc., Mississippi chapters and to the members of the
76 Capitol Press Corps.

