

By: Representative Cockerham

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,  
2 INCORPORATED ON THE OBSERVANCE OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DAY  
3 AT THE CAPITOL ON MARCH 21, 2023.

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the  
5 oldest Greek letter organization in the United States founded by  
6 college educated African-American women on January 15, 1908, on  
7 the campus of Howard University; and

8 WHEREAS, the illustrious organization of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
9 Sorority, Incorporated, is comprised of 10 regions around the  
10 globe and is currently led by International President Danette  
11 Anthony Reed; and

12 WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
13 Sorority, Incorporated is comprised of Tennessee, Mississippi, and  
14 Alabama which includes 116 chapters, 48 undergraduate chapters and  
15 68 graduate chapters, totaling over 14,000 Sorors, and currently  
16 led by their dynamic Regional Director, Dr. Tracey Morant Adams;  
17 and



18 WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region has a legacy of providing  
19 exemplary service to all mankind, and through the collective  
20 efforts of its members implements programs of service that  
21 transform, magnify, and accelerate communities and campuses; and

22 WHEREAS, the sorority's social advocacy agenda focuses on  
23 issues that will save lives and transform communities with the  
24 Mississippi efforts led by Mississippi Connection and Social  
25 Action Coordinator, Attorney Demetrice Williams Wells and the  
26 South Eastern Representative to the International Connection and  
27 Social Action Committee, Leah Wiggins; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha who reside in the  
29 State of Mississippi have made significant contributions to local,  
30 state, and national programs that have made a positive impact on  
31 the State of Mississippi, are provided exemplary dedication, hard  
32 work, and commitment to providing service to the citizens of  
33 Mississippi as evidenced by countless hours of community service,  
34 millions of dollars in financial contributions, and social  
35 advocacy that has been displayed since the chartering of the first  
36 chapter in Mississippi in 1934; and

37 WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to former South Eastern Region  
38 legends who embody the spirit of service to all mankind, such as  
39 the late Ernestine Holloway, 14th South Eastern Regional Director;  
40 the late Esther Martin Rigsby, 17th South Eastern Regional  
41 Director; Dr. Vanessa Rogers Long, 20th South Eastern Regional  
42 Director; Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, 23rd South Eastern Regional



43 Director; Attorney Mitzi Dease Paige, 26th South Eastern Regional  
44 Director; and most notably, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, the 30th  
45 International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
46 Incorporated; and

47 WHEREAS, with 35 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the  
48 State of Mississippi, Alpha Kappa Alpha members continue to  
49 empower our families, build our economic wealth, enhance our  
50 environment, advocate for social justice, and uplift our local  
51 community as they strengthen the bonds to support their service  
52 mission; and

53 WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
54 currently has three members of the sorority serving in the  
55 Mississippi House of Representatives: Angela Cockerham,  
56 Representative, District 96, Lataisha Jackson, Representative  
57 District 11 and most notably, Alyce G. Clarke, Representative  
58 District 69 who assumed office in 1985; and

59 WHEREAS, Representative Alyce G. Clarke is a revered and  
60 decorated member of the Mississippi House of Representatives who  
61 has served the citizens of Mississippi with dignity, respect, and  
62 perseverance since she began her tenure, and continues to be a  
63 beacon of hope and change for our state as she has shown with her  
64 public service and dedication to Mississippi residents for over  
65 three decades and is an inspiration to all who have been called to  
66 serve, and she is an Alpha Kappa Alpha living legend who will  
67 forever be remembered in Mississippi as a servant-leader; and



68           WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we commend fine  
69 organizations that treasure high values and live their lives to  
70 evidence the same, bringing hope and healing wherever they  
71 volunteer:

72           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
73 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
74 commend the illustrious ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
75 Incorporated on the observance of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day  
76 at the Capitol on March 21, 2023.

77           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution shall  
78 be furnished to Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, the South Eastern  
79 Regional Director, South Eastern Regional Archives and to the  
80 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

