

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.

