

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Walls, Harden, Frazier To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PUBLIC POLICY SERVICE OF ALPHA
2 KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY AND CONGRATULATING IT ON THE OCCASION OF
3 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) was founded
5 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908. In a period of
6 fifty years, Alpha Kappa Alpha grew from one undergraduate group
7 of nine members to a national organization with an active
8 membership of more than 10,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presently boasts a
10 membership of more than 100,000 college-educated women and is now
11 recognized as an international organization involved in world and
12 community affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority provides grants,
14 scholarships and fellowships in its efforts to support students
15 nationwide. Dr. Norma Solomon White, the international president,
16 has six target areas, to wit: Education (The Ivy Akademy and the
17 On-Track Mentoring Program); Health (the Child Health Insurance
18 Program, and the Buckle Up Program); The Black Family (AKA Coat
19 Day); Economics (the Black Dollar Day Campaigns); The Arts
20 (preserving African American Music); and Leadership Development
21 (leadership workshops and the Leadership Fellows Program); and

22 WHEREAS, for many years Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has
23 been involved in public policy issues that impact the lives of
24 great numbers of African Americans. Consequently, a public policy
25 standing committee known as the Connection Committee was created;
26 the Connection Committee, appointed by the international

27 president, is composed of a chairman and a representative from
28 each of the ten regions; and

29 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Connection Committee includes (1)
30 identifying and studying local, state and national issues which
31 impact upon the quality of life for all mankind, and (2) designing
32 strategies for communications with the membership regarding
33 advocacy issues. In this regard, a major strategy developed by
34 the Connection Committee, in addition to the annual Millennial
35 Public Policy Conference, is holding an Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at
36 the State Capitol; and

37 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the State of
38 Mississippi will convene at the State Capitol March 7, 2001, to
39 advocate issues that impact the lives of people in their
40 respective communities. Emphasis for the 2001 AKA Day at the
41 State Capitol will be (1) a dialogue regarding reapportionment,
42 redistricting and the probable impact on the African American
43 community, and (2) a discussion/information period to determine
44 the types of voting machines in our state, the problems, if any,
45 with accuracy, the number of discarded votes and proposed reforms
46 to improve the voting system before the next general election; and

47 WHEREAS, as a result, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State
48 of Mississippi, proclaimed March 7, 2001, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day
49 at the State Capitol; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic
51 contributions, grants, scholarships and fellowships made available
52 by this respected organization:

53 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the public policy service
55 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and congratulate this
56 organization on the occasion of Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State
57 Capitol, March 7, 2001.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
59 presented to the steering committee representatives of AKA
60 Sorority and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.