

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Walls, Harden,  
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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.