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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS POLICY IMPACT "2016 AKA DAY AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL" TO PROMOTE ADVOCACY AND TAKE ACTION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., more than 108 years ago, by nine visionary women under the leadership of Ethel Hedgeman Lyle; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first Greek-letter Sorority for college-educated African-American women, has grown from nine women in one undergraduate chapter in 1908 to a dynamic international nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of more than 280,000 members in over 980 chapters throughout the United States and eight other countries, with more than 30 chapters active within the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation and the world that transcends cultures and diplomatic borders,

dedicated to transforming lives and positively impacting communities through established international programs that are innovative, socially relevant and measurable; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson serves as the 29th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated, and Mary B. Conner serves as the 25th South Eastern Regional Director; and

WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha consists of almost 6,000 members in 101 chapters with more than 30 of those chapters being located in Mississippi, and these chapters work independently and collectively to embrace and implement the International program initiatives of Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact to improve the lives of individuals and positively impact this great state, this nation and the world; and

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

WHEREAS, there are seven Alpha Kappa Alpha women who serve as members of the Mississippi Legislature, which include:

Representatives Sonya Williams-Barnes, Kimberly L. Campbell, Alyce G. Clarke, Angela Cockerham, LaTaisha Jackson and Sara R. Thomas and Senator Tammy Witherspoon, who, along with other members of the Legislature, discuss, with those attending the event, the

status of legislation relating to the public policy agenda and the program initiatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016, more than 100 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, answered the call to convene in Jackson, Mississippi, to attend the "2016 Alpha Kappa Alpha AKA Day at the Mississippi State Capitol" to receive a legislative update, promote advocacy and take action as part of their commitment to health promotion, civil rights, social justice, political awareness and commitment to statewide civic engagement; and

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

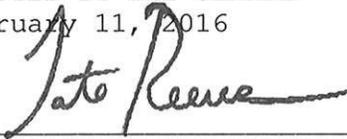
WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the contributions of such organizations as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority where its members devote their talents, time and energy in excess of two million hours of community service advancing effective initiatives fostering a better and equal quality of life for all individuals, especially the individuals of the great State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

we do hereby commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, on the observance of the 2016 "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol" for its outstanding service to the community under the program initiative, "Launching New Dimensions of Service through the C4 power of the pearl to connect, communicate, celebrate and collaborate."

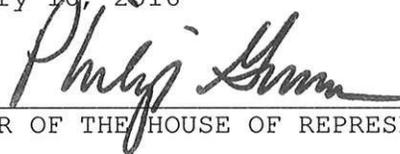
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to committee representatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mississippi Chapters and made available to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 11, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 16, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES