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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 13 by
3 deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with
4 the following:

5 "WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
6 Incorporated was founded by Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and eight
7 other collegiate women with the mission to cultivate and
8 encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote
9 unity and friendship among college women, to study and help
10 alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to
11 improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive
12 interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All
13 Mankind"; and

14 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has a
15 rich history of social action; in 1915, Alpha Kappa Alpha
16 Sorority, Incorporated hosted its first political action

1 conference with human rights activist and Illinois Congressman
2 Martin B. Madden as the speaker, marking its commitment to
3 progress through advocacy, education, social progress, and
4 political engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, Soaring to greater heights of service and
6 sisterhood, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
7 established its headquarters on the south side of Chicago in
8 1949, becoming more complex, while expanding to mobilize over
9 360,000 initiated members in 1,086 chapters in 50 U.S. states
10 and territories and 12 nations, focusing on advocacy and
11 service projects aimed at improving socioeconomic, racial,
12 political, and environmental issues, further amplifying its
13 influence; and

14 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's
15 diverse collaborative work throughout the United States and
16 including but not limited to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, the
17 Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates
18 integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the
19 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of
20 community partners; and

21 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's annual
22 advocacy day event is an opportunity for its members to meet
23 and discuss proposed legislation with Illinois lawmakers,

1 engage in educational workshops concentrated on the Illinois
2 Legislative Black Caucus four key pillars of Illinois
3 government, and explore ways to enhance civic engagement; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 46 Alpha Kappa Alpha
5 Sorority, Incorporated chapters, of which 18 are located on
6 college and university campuses and 28 are alumnae chapters
7 located in communities throughout the State; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha
9 Sorority, Incorporated along with chapters located throughout
10 Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South
11 Dakota, and Wisconsin are designated as the sorority's Central
12 Region, and this region is home to 96 empowered and engaged
13 chapters focused on advocacy and service; and

14 WHEREAS, Presently, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
15 Sorority, Incorporated serves in each chamber of the 104th
16 Illinois General Assembly, and those members are Senator
17 Mattie Hunter and Representative Kim du Buclet; and

18 WHEREAS, Notably, 48th Lieutenant Governor Juliana
19 Stratton, who serves in the State's executive branch, is also
20 a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

21 WHEREAS, On April 30, 2025, Illinois members of Alpha

1 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will participate in Alpha
2 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, In a collective effort to advance the priorities
5 of the respective communities in which they serve, the
6 Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
7 Incorporated will be joined by the Illinois delegation of
8 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for Alpha Kappa Alpha
9 Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State Capitol for
10 the empowerment of the people; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare April 30, 2025 as
14 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the State of
15 Illinois."