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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
3 Incorporated was founded with the mission to promote unity and
4 friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate
5 problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their
6 social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college
7 life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1915, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted
9 its first political action conference with human rights
10 activist and Illinois Congressman Martin B. Madden as the
11 speaker; and

12 WHEREAS, Since establishing its headquarters in Chicago in
13 1949, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s function has become
14 more complex, expanding to mobilize members worldwide for
15 advocacy and service projects to improve socioeconomic,
16 racial, political, and environmental issues; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s diverse
18 collaborative work throughout the United States, the
19 Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates
20 integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the
21 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of
22 community partners; and

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s annual event
2 is an opportunity for members to speak with local lawmakers,
3 engage in workshops, and advocate for critical issues such as
4 Black maternal health, education, and suicide prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 44 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 Sorority, Inc. chapters, of which 16 are active chapters
7 located on college and university campuses and 28 are active
8 alumnae chapters located in communities throughout the State;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Illinois
11 chapters, along with chapters located throughout Indiana,
12 Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin,
13 and St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, Missouri are designated as
14 the sorority's Central Region, and this region is home to 96
15 empowered and engaged chapters focused on advocacy and
16 service; and

17 WHEREAS, Presently, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
18 Sorority, Inc. serves in each chamber of the Illinois General
19 Assembly, Senator Mattie Hunter and Representative Kim du
20 Buclet; and

21 WHEREAS, Notably, Juliana Stratton, the 48th Lieutenant

1 Governor, serves in the State's executive branch and is also a
2 member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha
4 Sorority, Inc. will be joined by the Illinois delegation of
5 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for a joint Alpha Day at the
6 Illinois State Capitol in a collective effort to advance the
7 priorities of the respective communities that they serve; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2025, the Illinois members of Alpha
9 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in AKA Day at the
10 Illinois State Capitol; 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 May 1, 2025 as Alpha
14 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the State of
15 Illinois.