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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded
3 on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and incorporated in
4 1913, has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of
5 a new day of excellence and performance; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the nation's oldest
7 African-American sorority; the Sorority has never changed its
8 mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical
9 standards, promote unity and friendship among college women,
10 help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to
11 improve their social status, maintain a progressive interest in
12 college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2018-2022 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
14 administration, under the dynamic and creative leadership of
15 International President Dr. Glenda Glover, who also serves as
16 the first female President of her alma mater Tennessee State
17 University in Nashville, Tennessee, continues to fulfill the
18 service imperative of the organization's founders with the
19 International Program "Exemplifying Excellence Through
20 Sustainable Service"; this program concentrates on: Target
21 #1-Historically Black Colleges and Universities-A Call for
22 Action, Target #2-Women's Health and Wellness, Target
23 #3-Building Your Economic Legacy, Target #4-The Arts, and

1 Target #5-Global Impact; and

2 WHEREAS, Many prominent women have been or are members of
3 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., including the late First Lady
4 Eleanor Roosevelt, the late civil rights leaders Coretta Scott
5 King and Rosa Parks, actress Phylicia Rashad, the late poet
6 Maya Angelou, writer Toni Morrison, singer Alicia Keys,
7 attorney Star Jones, financial expert Mellody Hobson,
8 comedian/actress Wanda Sykes, actress Jada Pinkett-Smith, Cook
9 County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Board
10 President Toni Preckwinkle, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, and the
11 former President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton and Representative
13 LaToya Greenwood are the newest members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
14 Sorority, Inc.; seasoned members of the sorority include
15 Assistant Majority Leader Mattie Hunter and Senator Toi
16 Hutchinson; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of proven
18 leadership and extensive involvement in the world community
19 through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's
20 potential to significantly contribute to the world community;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made

1 history and expanded its international presence when it
2 chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in the Middle
3 East; the chapter's 37 women, located in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and
4 throughout the United Arab Emirates, are business executives,
5 attorneys, educators, and physicians, among other accomplished
6 professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, Leadership development is essential to the
8 vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing
9 requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and
10 dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a
11 continuous wellspring of quality leaders; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we declare the date of May 8, 2019 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in
15 the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
16 Incorporated, and its work; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to Central Regional Director Sonya L. Bowen,
19 International President Dr. Glenda Glover, Illinois State
20 Connection Coordinator Kimberly Irene Egonmwan, and Illinois
21 State Connection Chair Nia Odeoti-Hassan.