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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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WHEREAS, Through the years, establishing headquarters in Chicago since 1949, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s function has become more complex, expanding to mobilize members worldwide for advocacy and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political, and environmental conditions; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s diverse collaborative work throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates integrates an elevated level of personal engagement with the

1 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of
2 community partners; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to 43 Alpha Kappa Alpha
8 Sorority, Inc. chapters, 15 of which are located on college
9 and university campuses and 28 active alumnae chapters are
10 located in communities throughout the State; and

11 WHEREAS, The Central Region is home to 95 empowered and
12 engaged chapters, serving Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky,
13 Minnesota, Southeastern Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota,
14 and Wisconsin; and

15 WHEREAS, Currently, one member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
16 Sorority, Inc. is serving in the Illinois State Legislature,
17 Senator Mattie Hunter; and

18 WHEREAS, Currently, one member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
19 Sorority, Inc. is serving in the Illinois Executive Branch,
20 48th Lieutenant Governor Julianna Stratton; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 10, 2023, Illinois members of Alpha Kappa
2 Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in "AKA Day at the
3 Illinois State Capital"; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we declare May 10, 2023 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
7 Incorporated® Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Nu Omicron
10 Omega Chapter and Tau Chi Chapters in recognition of all
11 Illinois chapters.