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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded 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 human rights activist and Illinois Congressman Martin B. Madden as the speaker; and

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WHEREAS, Since establishing its headquarters in Chicago in 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 issues; 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 strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of community partners; and

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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;
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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, including Senator Mattie Hunter and Representative
20 Kim du 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, On May 1, 2024, Illinois members of Alpha Kappa
4 Alpha Sorority, Inc. will participate in Alpha Kappa Alpha
5 Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Illinois State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois delegation of Alpha Kappa Alpha
7 Sorority, Inc. will be joined by the Illinois delegation of
8 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at the Illinois State Capitol
9 in a collective effort to advance the priorities of the
10 respective communities they serve; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare May 1, 2024 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
14 Incorporated Day in the State of Illinois.