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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
3 sorority are sponsoring their eleventh annual legislative  
4 visit to the State Capitol; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded in  
6 1908 as the first sorority established by African-American  
7 college women; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is an international  
9 organization with over 200,000 undergraduate and alumnae  
10 members; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha itself is an organization with a  
12 commitment to promoting education, healthy minds and bodies,  
13 family unity, economic development, political empowerment,  
14 cultural heritage, and the arts; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members who have distinguished  
16 themselves individually include Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott  
17 King, Hazel O'Leary, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Ella  
18 Fitzgerald, Phylicia Rashad, Zina Garrison, Jane Addams,  
19 Marlan Anderson, Margaret Burroughs, Cardiss Collins, Bettiann  
20 Gardner, Marla Gibbs, Gladys Knight, Constance Baker Motley,  
21 Jessye Norman, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Alicia Keys, and

1 Illinoisan Linda White, international president of Alpha Kappa  
2 Alpha, Inc.; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 the members of this Body, in recognition of the achievements of  
6 the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the values  
7 for which they strive, do proclaim Wednesday, March 25, 2009,  
8 as the Eleventh Annual Alpha Kappa Alpha Day throughout the  
9 State of Illinois; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Linda White, international president of Alpha  
12 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.