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3 By Representatives Boyd, Givan, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker,
4 Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Bracy,
5 Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 Ellis, England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,
8 Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones,
11 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican, Mooney,
13 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus,
14 Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,
15 Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge,
16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton
17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW),
18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 16-FEB-17

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8 RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON THE 18TH
9 OBSERVANCE OF AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL.

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11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
12 has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of a new
13 day of excellence and performance, highlighted with the
14 observance of 2017 AKA Day at the Capitol; and

15 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to
16 All Mankind" began at its inception, and the sorority has
17 remained at the forefront of positive change in American life
18 for more than a century; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2014-2018 administration continues to
20 fulfill the service imperative of the founders with the theme
21 "Building Connection Strategies: Advocating, Monitoring, and
22 Responding to Change" and the third year of the Launching New
23 Dimensions of Service program; and

24 WHEREAS, according to AKA Supreme Basileus Dorothy
25 Buckhanan Wilson, the second year of the Launching New
26 Dimensions Service program resulted in countless youth and
27 adults being positively impacted by AKA's magnanimous

1 contributions of more than two million service hours and over
2 five million dollars invested in scholarships, along with its
3 focus on the five program target areas including Educational
4 Enrichment, Civil Rights/Social Justice, Statewide Legislative
5 Issues, Be the Voice initiative focusing on dialogue and
6 conversation post-election, and Constituent Meetings; and

7 WHEREAS, AKA Supreme Basileus Dorothy Buckhanan
8 Wilson projects year three of the Launching New Dimensions of
9 Service program to be equally strong as the esteemed sorority
10 advances with a record 68,000 members indicating outstanding
11 reactivation efforts and new member initiations as well as a
12 vibrancy that is key to maintaining a long-term stable
13 foundation for the remarkable sisterhood; notably, AKA's 67th
14 Boule hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, during the summer of 2016
15 culminated with 21,700 in attendance, making it the largest
16 Boule to date and providing a powerful worldwide statement
17 about AKA's service delivery and mission impact; and

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

23 WHEREAS, leadership development is essential to the
24 vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing
25 requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and
26 dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a
27 continuous wellspring of quality leaders; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and
3 pleasure in commending Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and in
4 welcoming its exceptionally accomplished leaders to our august
5 halls on the occasion of the celebration of AKA Day at the
6 Capitol.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
8 resolution be provided to the sorority for presentation to AKA
9 South Eastern Representative Dr. Sharon Shaw-McEwen, AKA
10 International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the AKA
11 International Connection Committee, and the AKA South Eastern
12 Regional Director Mary B. Conner.