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HR\_\_\_ CELEBRATING DR. TRACEY MORANT ADAMS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is the first intercollegiate historically African American sorority; it was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington D.C., by a group of 16 students led by Ethel Hedgemon Lyle; the sorority was incorporated on January 29, 1913; and

WHEREAS, the sorority is one of the nation's largest Greek Letter Organizations, having more than 350,000 members in 1,024 chapters in the United States of America and several other countries; the members share the bonds of sisterhood and are committed to servant-leadership; and

WHEREAS, Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, received its charter on October 24, 1924, in Birmingham, Alabama, becoming the 15th chapter of the sorority and the first graduate chapter to be chartered in the Southeastern Region; the eight charter members, Hilda Evans, Vivian F. Bell, Jessie Coleman, Wilma Davis, Mabel Harris, Eunice Hudson, Thelma Kingsley, and Veronica Pierce, became the first African American members of a sorority in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's membership has included



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29 thousands of professional women who are dedicated public  
30 servants and graduates from universities throughout the  
31 United States; today, chapter membership stands at 385, the  
32 largest in the chapter's history; and

33 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, under the leadership of  
34 A. Lucile Brewer, Omicron Omega Chapter experienced another  
35 milestone by becoming the first Black Greek Letter  
36 Organization to purchase a chapter house in the State of  
37 Alabama; additionally, in this same timeframe, they were  
38 instrumental in establishing the Birmingham Chapter of the  
39 Panhellenic Council; and

40 WHEREAS, over the course of the last century, Omicron  
41 Omega Chapter has had a profound philanthropic impact on the  
42 greater Birmingham community, having donated over \$1.5  
43 million in charitable contributions to organizations such as  
44 the United Negro College Fund, National Association for the  
45 Advancement of Colored People, Miles College, The Sickle  
46 Cell Foundation of Central Alabama, March of Dimes, Dance  
47 Across Birmingham, and the American Heart Association; and

48 WHEREAS, additionally, Omicron Omega Chapter has  
49 invested time and financial support to Birmingham children  
50 and their education; the members have spent thousands of  
51 hours volunteering in local schools, and the Chapter has  
52 distributed over \$500,000 in college scholarships to  
53 Birmingham-area students; and

54 Whereas, Omicron Omega Chapter has overseen the  
55 establishment of five undergraduate chapters on college  
56 campuses in the greater Birmingham area: Gamma Pi at Miles



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57 College in 1970; Iota Phi at The University of Alabama at  
58 Birmingham in 1975; Mu Mu at the University of Montevallo in  
59 1978; Nu Delta at Birmingham-Southern College in 1979; and  
60 Omicron Mu at Samford University in 1988; and

61 WHEREAS, in 2001, Omicron Omega Chapter established  
62 its philanthropic arm, the Cultural and Educational  
63 Advancement Foundation, to further its philanthropic impact  
64 on the Birmingham community; in 2022, CEAF opened The Pearl  
65 Center, a \$1.6 million facility in the Bush Hills  
66 neighborhood designed as a space to facilitate charitable  
67 endeavors for the larger Birmingham community; now  
68 therefore,

69 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
70 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on Tuesday, February 27, 2024,  
71 we celebrate Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, Regional Director,  
72 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol, and we  
73 express sincere appreciation to the Omicron Omega Chapter  
74 and to Dr. Adams for their continuing dedication to service  
75 to the community and to the great State of Alabama; we wish  
76 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, continued success  
77 in all future endeavors.