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4 HR___ CELEBRATING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY ON APRIL 3, 2025.
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6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is
7 the first intercollegiate historically African American
8 sorority; it was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard
9 University in Washington, D.C., by a group of 16 students
10 led by Ethel Hedgemon Lyle; the sorority was incorporated on
11 January 29, 1913; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the chapter's membership has included
27 thousands of professional women who are dedicated public
28 servants and graduates from universities throughout the



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29 United States; today, the chapter membership stands at 385,
30 the largest in the chapter's history; and

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

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

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

53 WHEREAS, the Omicron Omega Chapter has overseen the
54 establishment of five undergraduate chapters on college
55 campuses in the greater Birmingham area: Gamma Pi at Miles
56 College in 1970; Iota Phi at The University of Alabama at



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Birmingham in 1975; Mu Mu at the University of Montevallo in 1978; Nu Delta at Birmingham-Southern College in 1979; and Omicron Mu at Samford University in 1988; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on Thursday, April 3, 2025, we celebrate Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day at the Capitol, and we express sincere appreciation to the Omicron Omega Chapter for their continuing dedication to service to the community and to the great State of Alabama; we wish Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, continued success in all future endeavors.