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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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9 SERVICE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES AND
10 TO DESIGNATE MARCH 25 AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE
11 STATE CAPITOL.

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21 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded on January
22 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., is
23 America's first Greek-letter organization for African American women; and
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25 WHEREAS, the sorority was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and 15 other
26 visionaries who resolved that their college experience should be meaningful
27 and productive; and
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29 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than 300,000
30 college-educated women from around the world, with an active membership of
31 over 75,000 women who represent a diverse group; and
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33 WHEREAS, its membership includes educators, heads of state,
34 politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, media personalities, and
35 decision-makers in major corporations; and
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1 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include
2 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta Scott
3 King, and Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members
4 include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former
5 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen,
6 Representative Jamie Scott, and Senator Linda Chesterfield; and

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8 WHEREAS, there are 20 chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha throughout the
9 state, consisting of 8 undergraduate chapters and 12 graduate chapters; and
10 each chapter is proud of its community efforts in the areas of education,
11 the arts, economic development, and health care; and

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13 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the contemporary needs of the
14 black community with comprehensive nontraditional programs; and

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

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20 WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General
21 Assembly, a day is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing together
22 Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and Alpha Kappa Alpha
23 Sorority members from across the state to encourage participation in the
24 legislative process,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 THAT the Senate commends Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its
31 service work and contributions to its communities, and celebrates March 25,
32 2019, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State Capitol.

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, an appropriate copy shall be
35 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Katina Semien, the South Central
36 Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.