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5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS
9 SERVICE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES;
10 AND TO DESIGNATE MARCH 12, 2015, AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded on January
23 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., is
24 America's first Greek-letter organization for African-American women; and
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26 WHEREAS, the sorority was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and 15 other
27 visionaries who resolved that their college experience should be meaningful
28 and productive; and
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30 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than 265,000
31 college-educated women from around the world, with an active membership of
32 over 49,000 women who represent a diverse group; and
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34 WHEREAS, its membership includes educators, heads of state,
35 politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, media personalities, and
36 decision-makers in major corporations; and



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, and
6 Senator Linda Chesterfield; and

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

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13 WHEREAS, internationally Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the contemporary
14 needs of the 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, currently, the Alpha Kappa Alpha International President has
21 set forth the 2014-2018 theme of "Launching New Dimensions of Service"
22 wherein the organization will address issues related to educational
23 enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership,
24 and global impact; and

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26 WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General
27 Assembly, a day in March is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing
28 together Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and Alpha
29 Kappa Alpha Sorority members from across the state to encourage participation
30 in the legislative process; and

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32 WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol is March
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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE

1 OF ARKANSAS:

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 THAT the Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly commends Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its service work and contributions to its communities, and the Senate celebrates March 12, 2015, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State Capitol.

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Chelle Luper Wilson, the South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.