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5 By: Representative J. Lewellen
6 By: Senator B. Walker

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 "RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, INC.
11 AND THE BETA PI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA,
12 INC. "

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14 **Subtitle**

15 "RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA
16 ALPHA, INC. AND THE BETA PI OMEGA
17 CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, INC. "

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20 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908, and is
21 the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by black college
22 women; and

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24 WHEREAS, the initial conception of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was to
25 enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental
26 stimulation through interaction with friends and associates; and

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28 WHEREAS, through the years, Alpha Kappa Alpha's functioning has become
29 more complex, and after her incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha
30 Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which
31 selected college trained women improved the social and economic conditions in
32 their city, state, nation and the world; and

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34 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha women are known for their professionalism,
35 community involvement, commitment to family, government participation, and
36 service to all mankind; and

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WHEREAS, to date there are over 900 chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. around the world with well over 160,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the first chapter in Arkansas and was organized on March 13, 1917; and

WHEREAS, the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is actively involved in all aspects of life in Arkansas and is a recognized political and social force in our state; and

WHEREAS, the sorority's various activities reflect the national policy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. that targets education, health, the black family, economic empowerment and the arts.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the House of Representatives recognizes and commends the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for its ninety plus years of service to all mankind; and the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for its outstanding leadership in the State of Arkansas which is reflected in its service to our state, community, government and family.