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2 85th General Assembly
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 ALPHA SORORITY, INC., AND THE BETA PI
16 OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
17 SORORITY, INC.

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20 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the premier unique
21 sisterhood of distinguished professional women united to serve humankind; and

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23 WHEREAS, the purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha is to cultivate and encourage
24 high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among
25 college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and
26 women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive
27 interest in college life, and to be of service to all humankind; and

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29 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in 1908 and is the oldest Greek-
30 letter organization established in America by black college women; and

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32 WHEREAS, the initial conception of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was to
33 enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing
34 mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates; and

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36 WHEREAS, through the years, Alpha Kappa Alpha's functioning has become



1 more complex, and after its incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha
2 Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which
3 select college-trained women improved the social and economic conditions in
4 their cities, states, nations, and the world; and

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6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha women are known for their professionalism,
7 community involvement, commitment to family, government participation, and
8 service to all humankind; and

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

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13 WHEREAS, the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,
14 is the first chapter in the State of Arkansas and was organized on March 13,
15 1937; and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is proud of Senator Irma Hunter Brown,
26 Representative Nancy Blount, Representative Linda Chesterfield, and
27 Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha who
28 exemplify the values and goals of the sorority,

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30 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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34 That the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Eighty-Fifth
35 General Assembly recognize and commend the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,
36 for its ninety-seven years of service to all humankind and the Beta Pi Omega

1 Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its outstanding leadership
2 in the State of Arkansas which is reflected in its service to our state,
3 community, government, and family.

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