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5 By: Senator Brown
6 By: Representative W. Lewellen
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8 9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

10 PROCLAIMING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY.
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12 **Subtitle**

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16 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest Greek letter
17 organization for African American women in the world; has a theme of
18 providing "service to all mankind"; is composed of over one hundred eighty-
19 five thousand (185,000) college-trained women from around the world, with an
20 active membership of over forty-nine thousand (49,000) diverse women; and
21 members have included educators, heads of state, politicians, lawyers,
22 medical professionals, media personalities, and decision-makers in major
23 corporations; and
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25 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include
26 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jernison, Coretta Scott
27 King, Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members include
28 Judge Andree Layton Roaf, Senator Irma Hunter Brown, Representative Nancy
29 Blount, Representative Linda Chesterfield, and Representative Wilhelmina
30 Lewellen; and
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32 WHEREAS, locally the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha in
33 Little Rock, Arkansas, is known for its philanthropic work in the areas of
34 education, the arts, economic development, and health; and has provided ten
35 thousand dollars (\$10,000) in scholarships each year to college-bound young
36 women in the Central Arkansas area; and



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2 WHEREAS, internationally Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the contemporary
3 needs of the black community with comprehensive nontraditional programs; and
4 the Alpha Kappa Alpha Centennial International President has set forth five
5 (5) platforms for programs for the next biennium, including "Non-Traditional
6 Entrepreneur", "Economic Keys to Success", "Economic Growth of the Black
7 Family", "Undergraduate Signature Program: Economic Educational Advancement
8 Through Technology", and "Health Resource Management and Economics"; and
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10 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day is historically observed during each
11 regular legislative session, and members are recognized for the sea of pink
12 and green-attired women who converge upon the State Capitol wearing these
13 sorority colors; the day includes a program attended by Arkansas's
14 constitutional officers, elected officials, and sorority members from across
15 the state; and members attend committee meetings to stay abreast of issues
16 before the General Assembly,
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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
20 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 THAT the Senate recognizes Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and
23 proclaims March 14, 2007, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol.
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