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2 92nd General Assembly
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4
5 By: Representative Scott
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HR 1051

7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS
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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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 300,000
31 college-educated women from around the world, with an active membership of
32 over 75,000 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



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2 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include
3 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta Scott
4 King, and Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members
5 include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former
6 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen,
7 Representative Jamie Scott, and Senator Linda Chesterfield; and
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9 WHEREAS, there are 20 chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha throughout the
10 state, consisting of 8 undergraduate chapters and 12 graduate chapters; and
11 each chapter is proud of its community efforts in the areas of education,
12 the arts, economic development, and health care; and
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14 WHEREAS, internationally, Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the
15 contemporary needs of the black community with comprehensive nontraditional
16 programs; and
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18 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind" began
19 at its inception, and as a result the sorority has remained at the forefront
20 of positive change in American life; and
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22 WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General
23 Assembly, a day is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing together
24 Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and Alpha Kappa Alpha
25 Sorority members from across the state to encourage participation in the
26 legislative process; and
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28 WHEREAS, this year Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol is March
29 25,
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31 NOW THEREFORE,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
33 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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35 THAT the House of Representatives commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
36 Inc., for its service work and contributions to its communities, and

1 celebrate March 25, 2019, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State
2 Capitol.

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
5 copy shall be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to
6 Katina Semien, the South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha
7 Sorority, Inc.

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