

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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HR 1024

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5 By: Representative Scott  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS  
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO DESIGNATE  
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19 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded on January 15, 1908,  
20 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., is America's first  
21 Greek-letter organization for Black women; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman  
24 Lyle and eight (8) other visionaries who resolved that their college  
25 experience should be meaningful and productive; and  
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27 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than three  
28 hundred thousand (300,000) college-educated women from around the world, with  
29 an active membership of over seventy-five thousand (75,000) women who  
30 represent a diverse group; and  
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32 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's membership includes educators,  
33 heads of state, politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, media  
34 personalities, decision makers in major corporations, and the current Vice  
35 President of the United States Kamala Harris; and  
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1           WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
2 include Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta  
3 Scott King, and Judge Constance Baker Motley; and  
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5           WHEREAS, local and state-wide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
6 include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former  
7 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen,  
8 Representative Jamie Scott, Representative Joy Springer, Senator Linda  
9 Chesterfield, and Deputy Director for the Senate/Assistant Secretary of the  
10 Senate Sabrina Lewellen; and  
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12           WHEREAS, there are twenty-one (21) chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
13 Sorority throughout the state and each chapter is proud of its community  
14 efforts in the areas of education, the arts, economic development, and health  
15 care; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority responds to the contemporary needs  
18 of the Black community with comprehensive nontraditional programs; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's mission of "Service to All  
21 Mankind" began at its inception, and as a result the sorority has remained at  
22 the forefront of positive change in American life; and  
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24           WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General  
25 Assembly, a day is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing together  
26 Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and sorority members  
27 from across the state to encourage participation in the legislative process,  
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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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33           THAT the House of Representatives commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
34 Inc., for its service work and contributions to its communities, and  
35 celebrate February 27, 2023, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State  
36 Capitol.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Joya T. Hayes, the South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.