

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, May 17, 2016, as AKA Day at the state capitol

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 To designate Tuesday, May 17, 2016, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the  
3 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.  
4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
5 Sorority, Incorporated, for one hundred eight years of exemplary leadership and outstanding  
6 community service, and to designate Tuesday, May 17, 2016, as AKA Day at the state  
7 capitol; and  
8 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which has the distinction  
9 of being the first sorority established by African American college women, was founded at  
10 Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908; and  
11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in  
12 Service to All Mankind" spans across domestic and international boundaries through the  
13 service of members of more than nine hundred eighty-three chapters around the world; and  
14 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana hosts thirty-six of these chapters located on  
15 college and university campuses and active alumnae groups in communities throughout the  
16 state; and  
17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a union of over two  
18 hundred eighty-three thousand energetic, ambitious, and dedicated college-trained women  
19 who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of service to promote community  
20 initiatives in health preservation, preventive health education, academic excellence, and  
21 economic empowerment; and

1           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapters encourage members to become  
2 involved and committed community volunteers in five primary service target areas that  
3 actively contribute to the educational, civic, and social lives of the citizens of Louisiana; and

4           WHEREAS, the five primary service target areas include educational enrichment,  
5 health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global impact, and  
6 such target areas expand into the 2014-2018 International Program theme of, "Launching  
7 New Dimensions of Service", where members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will continue  
8 to implement service projects globally; and

9           WHEREAS, whether making and sending dresses to little girls in Liberia, providing  
10 school supplies for children of incarcerated parents, purchasing livestock to support women  
11 farmers in Kenya and Ecuador, rebuilding homes in the Gulf Region of the United States,  
12 providing scholastic and beautification projects to historically black colleges, or developing  
13 emerging young leaders through mentoring programs throughout the nation, the women of  
14 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, are committed to making a positive impact upon  
15 campuses, communities, our nation, and the world; and

16           WHEREAS, AKA Day at the state capitol is a national program through which  
17 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members throughout the nation meet with their legislators to  
18 address issues that are pertinent to their communities.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
20 recognize Tuesday, May 17, 2016, as AKA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does  
21 hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
22 Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service,  
23 and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends,  
24 communities, the state of Louisiana, our nation, and to communities across the globe.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
26 to Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
27 Incorporated.

DIGEST

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