

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for one hundred nine years of exemplary leadership and outstanding community service, and to designate Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as AKA Day at the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which has the distinction of being the first sorority established by African American college women, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in Service to All Mankind" spans across domestic and international boundaries through the service of members of more than nine hundred eighty-three chapters around the world; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana hosts thirty-six of these chapters located on college and university campuses and active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a union of over two hundred eighty-three thousand energetic, ambitious, and dedicated college-trained women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of service to promote community initiatives in health preservation, preventive health education, academic excellence, and economic empowerment; and

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 11, 2017, as AKA Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service, and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends, communities, the state of Louisiana, our nation, and to communities across the globe.

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