

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR AND BOYD

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 16, 2024, as AKA Day at the state capitol and commends the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 16, 2024, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the
3 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in
8 Service to All Mankind" spans across domestic and international boundaries through the
9 service of members of more than one thousand chapters around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana hosts chapters on college and university campuses
11 and active alumnae groups throughout the state; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, the current international program, Soaring to Greater Heights of Service
2 and Sisterhood, has five initiatives: Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth,
3 Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, and Uplift Our Local Community;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in addition, the sorority collaborates with Soles 4 Souls and Lions Club
6 International and continues to focus on breast cancer awareness and heart health; and

7 WHEREAS, whether making and sending dresses and shirts to girls and boys in
8 Haiti, providing support to organizations that assist refugees and their families with
9 integrating into American life, saluting the Harlem Renaissance, providing guidance on care
10 for the caregivers, credit repair and monitoring or entrepreneurship and the black dollar,
11 assisting high school students demystify the college admissions and enrollment process, or
12 developing emerging young leaders through mentoring programs throughout the nation, the
13 women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, are committed to making a positive
14 impact upon campuses, communities, our nation, and the world; and

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

18 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
19 Sorority, Incorporated, for one hundred sixteen years of exemplary leadership and
20 outstanding community service, and to designate Tuesday, April 16, 2024, AKA Day at the
21 state capitol.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 designate Tuesday, April 16, 2024, as AKA Day at the state capitol; does hereby commend
24 the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and does hereby commend and
25 express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
26 for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service and for the tremendous
27 honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends, communities, the state of
28 Louisiana, and our nation and to communities across the globe.

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