

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as AKA Day at the state capitol

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend
3 the 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 seven years of exemplary leadership and outstanding
6 community service, and to recognize Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 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; and

19 WHEREAS, State Representatives Patricia Smith and Katrina Jackson are proud
20 AKA alumnae.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 recognize Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as AKA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does
23 hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
24 Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service,
25 and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends,
26 communities, the state of Louisiana, our nation, and to communities across the globe.

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

DIGEST

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