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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR AND BOYD

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 18, 2023, as AKA Day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate Thursday, May 18, 2022, 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 eleven years of exemplary leadership and
20	outstanding community service, and to designate Thursday, May 18, 2023, AKA Day at the
21	state capitol.
22	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23	designate Thursday, May 18, 2023, as AKA Day at the state capitol and does hereby
24	commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
25	Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service
26	and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends,
27	communities, the state of Louisiana, and our nation and to communities across the globe.

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