

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

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

1 A 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

1 target areas that actively contribute to the educational, civic, and social lives of the citizens  
2 of Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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