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5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO DESIGNATE MARCH
10 24, 2021, AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 INC., FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
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17 2021, AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY.

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19 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded on January 15, 1908,
20 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., is America's first
21 Greek-letter organization for Black women; and

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23 WHEREAS, the sorority was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and fifteen
24 (15) other visionaries who resolved that their college experience should be
25 meaningful and productive; and

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27 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than three
28 hundred thousand (300,000) college-educated women from around the world, with
29 an active membership of over seventy-five thousand (75,000) women who
30 represent a diverse group; and

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32 WHEREAS, its membership includes educators, heads of state,
33 politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, media personalities, decision-
34 makers in major corporations, and the current Vice President of the United
35 States Kamala Harris; and

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1 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include
2 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta Scott
3 King, and Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members
4 include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former
5 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen,
6 Representative Jamie Scott, and Senator Linda Chesterfield; and

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8 WHEREAS, there are twenty (20) chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha throughout
9 the state, consisting of eight (8) undergraduate chapters and twelve (12)
10 graduate chapters; and each chapter is proud of its community efforts in the
11 areas of education, the arts, economic development, and health care; and

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13 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the contemporary needs of the
14 Black community with comprehensive nontraditional programs; and

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16 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind" began
17 at its inception, and as a result the sorority has remained at the forefront
18 of positive change in American life; and

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20 WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General
21 Assembly, a day is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing together
22 Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and sorority members
23 from across the state to encourage participation in the legislative process,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
27 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 THAT the Senate commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its
30 service work and contributions to its communities, and celebrate March 24,
31 2021, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State Capitol.

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, an appropriate copy shall be
34 provided by the Secretary of the Senate to Katina Semien, the South Central
35 Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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