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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS
9 SERVICE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 COMMENDING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,
14 INC., FOR ITS SERVICE WORK AND
15 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES.

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18 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest Greek-lettered
19 organization for African-American women in the world; has a mission of
20 providing "service to all mankind"; is made up of over two hundred thousand
21 (200,000) college-educated women from around the world, with an active
22 membership of over forty-nine thousand (49,000) women who represent a diverse
23 group; and includes a membership of educators, heads of state, politicians,
24 lawyers, medical professionals, media personalities, and decision-makers in
25 major corporations; and

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27 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include
28 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta Scott
29 King, Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members include
30 Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former
31 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen, and
32 Senator Linda Chesterfield; and

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34 WHEREAS, there are nineteen (19) chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha
35 throughout the State of Arkansas, consisting of seven (7) undergraduate
36 chapters and twelve (12) graduate chapters; and each chapter prides itself on



1 its community efforts in the areas of education, the arts, economic
2 development, and health care; and

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4 WHEREAS, internationally Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the contemporary
5 needs of the black community with comprehensive non-traditional programs; and

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7 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind" began
8 at its inception, and as a result the sorority has remained at the forefront
9 of positive change in American life; and currently, the Alpha Kappa Alpha
10 International President has set forth the 2010 - 2014 theme of "Global
11 Leadership through Timeless Service" wherein the organization will address
12 issues related to social justice, human rights, health, poverty, economic
13 security, and environmental sustainability,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHT-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
17 OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Senate recognizes Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for its
20 service work and for its contributions to its communities.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate
23 copy shall be provided to the national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha by the
24 Secretary of the Senate.