

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND JACKSON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 24, 2018, as AKA day at the state capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which has the distinction of being the first Greek-letter sorority established by African American college women, was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in Service to All Mankind" spans across domestic and international boundaries through the service of members of more than one thousand chapters around the world; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana hosts thirty-seven of these chapters on college and university campuses and active alumnae groups throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a union of nearly three hundred thousand energetic, ambitious, and dedicated college-trained women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of service to promote community initiatives in health preservation, preventive health education, academic excellence, civic engagement, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapters encourage members to become involved and committed community volunteers in five primary service target areas that actively contribute to the educational, civic, and social lives of the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the five primary service target areas include educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global impact, and these target areas inspire the sorority's partnerships with organizations such as the American

Heart Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the Alzheimer's Association;
and

WHEREAS, whether making and sending dresses to little girls in Liberia, providing school supplies for children of incarcerated parents, purchasing livestock to support women farmers in Kenya and Ecuador, rebuilding homes in the Gulf region of the United States, providing scholastic and beautification projects to historically black colleges, or developing emerging young leaders through mentoring programs throughout the nation, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, are committed to making a positive impact upon campuses, communities, our nation, and the world; and

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

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for one hundred ten years of exemplary leadership and outstanding community service, and to designate Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as AKA Day at the state capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as AKA Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and outstanding community service, and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring to their families, friends, communities, the state of Louisiana, our nation, and to communities across the globe.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE