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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
2 Sorority on their annual "AKA Day at the Capitol" and the  
3 organization's recommitment to social service.

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
5 Incorporated is the world's oldest African American sorority  
6 created by collegiate women on the campus of Howard University;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The nine founding members built the sorority's  
9 platform on a staunch commitment to change the patterns of human  
10 relations and social justice in America during the tumultuous  
11 20th century; and

12 WHEREAS, Sorority members have worked tenaciously to remain  
13 steadfast in promoting the organizational themes of upholding  
14 the collective strength of women and their remarkable abilities  
15 to lead, as well as building a more globally connected  
16 community; and

1       WHEREAS, In the past 107 years, the sorority has blossomed  
2 into a prestigious, well-respected organization, home to more  
3 than 265,000 women holding memberships to 986 chapters  
4 throughout the United States, the United States Virgin Islands,  
5 the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea, Africa and beyond;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS, Under the leadership of International President  
8 Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, the sorority kicked off a new campaign  
9 titled "Launching New Dimensions in Service," to address  
10 educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening,  
11 environmental ownership and global impact; and

12       WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
13 Sorority is home to more than 100 chapters, including  
14 approximately two dozen chapters and more than 4,000 members  
15 residing in this Commonwealth; and

16       WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Regional Director Meredith  
17 L. Henderson, chapters throughout this Commonwealth continue to  
18 flourish through members' community service, social and  
19 political action and scholastic achievement; and

20       WHEREAS, The sorority consistently exhibits this ideology by  
21 hosting annual events and educational workshops to ensure access  
22 to opportunities for higher education through scholarship  
23 initiatives and mentoring programs throughout this Commonwealth;  
24 and

25       WHEREAS, The sorority also works tirelessly to uplift our men  
26 and women in the United States Armed Forces and their families  
27 with social and psychological support, as well as provide care  
28 for the homeless community by sponsoring special food  
29 initiatives and clothing drives; and

30       WHEREAS, The 2015 regional theme "AKA Dimensions of Service:

1 Civil Rights and Social Justice" reaffirms the organization's  
2 members' commitment to improve the social, racial, economic and  
3 physical conditions within this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Members will continue to employ "AKA Day at the  
5 Capitol" as a method to strengthen the relationships between  
6 elected officials and the communities they are sworn to serve;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Tied together by their uniform commitment to live by  
9 the organization's motto "By Culture and By Merit," the ladies  
10 of Alpha Kappa Alpha, in their salmon pink, apple green and  
11 stylish pearls are always "Packed, Polished, and Prepared to  
12 Serve"; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
14 congratulate the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on their  
15 annual "AKA Day at the Capitol" and the organization's  
16 recommitment to social service.