

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND JACKSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 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, preventative health education, academic excellence, civic engagement, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, 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 current international program, Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service, has five target areas: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action, Women's Healthcare and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts, and Global Impact; and

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

WHEREAS, whether making and sending dresses and shirts to little girls and boys in Haiti, providing support to organizations that assist refugees and their families with integrating into American life, saluting the Harlem Renaissance, providing guidance on care for the caregivers, credit repair and monitoring or entrepreneurship and the black dollar, assisting high school students demystify the college admissions and enrollment process, 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 eleven years of exemplary leadership and outstanding community service, and to designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, as AKA Day at the state capitol.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 8, 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 copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Glenda Glover, the international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE