

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATOR JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Katina M. Semien for her excellent service as the 25th South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

WHEREAS, Katina M. Semien, Esq. became the 25th Alpha Kappa Alpha woman and the first from South Louisiana to serve as the South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. when she was elected for service during the 2016-2018 term; and

WHEREAS, after Ms. Semien received her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she put her training to work as an attorney, motivational speaker, and community advocate; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, she has served as President, Vice-President, and Graduate Advisor for the Gamma Eta Omega chapter and as President of its nonprofit organization, The Ivy Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) was created in 1908, as a support network for women with like minds coming together for mutual uplift, and coalescing of their talents and strengths for the benefit of others while being recognized as the first Negro Greek letter sorority; and

WHEREAS, AKA's force of more than 300,000 collegiate members and alumnae, constituting 1003 chapters in all 50 states, has become an indomitable force for good in their communities, states, nations, and the world; and

WHEREAS, AKA has enriched minds and encouraged lifelong learning; provided aid for the poor, the sick, and underserved; initiated social action to advance human and civil rights; worked collaboratively with other groups to maximize outreach on progressive endeavors; and continually produced leaders to continue its credo of service; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, AKA created chapters that were organized into regions formed according to geography and population density; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Region, which is the second largest region of ten regions is composed of more than 10,000 service orientated members with more than 120 undergraduate and graduate chapters located in the four-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, under Katina Semien, Madam Regional Director's leadership, the South Central Region members have worked faithfully to prepare a legacy for the future by blazing new trails and reaching new heights through the implementation of new programs that center on significant issues in families, communities, government halls, and world assembly chambers; and

WHEREAS, with her motto of "With Service on my Mind and Sisterhood in my Heart", Ms. Semien believes the key to building stronger communities begins and ends with those who are willing to dedicate, not just their time, but also their resources, to train, educate, protect, and prepare future leaders, and that has been her leadership style; and

WHEREAS, Katina M. Semien has received many accolades for her leadership and service performed by the South Central Region which continues to make a difference by "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Katina M. Semien for her exemplary service as the 25th South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Katina Semien, Madam Regional Director.

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE