## 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

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To designate Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as AKA Day at the state capitol and to commend the
3	members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.
4	WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which has the distinction
5	of being the first Greek-letter sorority established by African American college women, was
6	founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908; and
7	WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's unending quest to be "Supreme in
8	Service to All Mankind" spans across domestic and international boundaries through the
9	service of members of more than one thousand chapters around the world; and
10	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana hosts thirty-seven of these chapters on college and
11	university campuses and active alumnae groups throughout the state; and
12	WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is a union of nearly three
13	hundred thousand energetic, ambitious, and dedicated college-trained women who have
14	consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of service to promote community initiatives
15	in health preservation, preventive health education, academic excellence, civic engagement,
16	and economic empowerment; and
17	WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chapters encourage members to become
18	involved and committed community volunteers in five primary service target areas that
19	actively contribute to the educational, civic, and social lives of the citizens of Louisiana; and
20	WHEREAS, the five primary service target areas include educational enrichment,
21	health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global impact, and

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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;

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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.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as AKA Day at the 20 state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members 21 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their exemplary leadership and 22 outstanding community service, and for the tremendous honor and pride these women bring 23 to their families, friends, communities, the state of Louisiana, our nation, and to 24 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.

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### DIGEST

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