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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are
2 gathering in Austin on March 7, 2023, to celebrate Alpha Kappa Alpha
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The nation's first Greek sorority for African
5 American women, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded as a social and
6 service organization on January 15, 1908, by Howard University
7 undergraduate Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and 19 other students; these
8 inspiring women are today known as "the Twenty Pearls"; and

9 WHEREAS, The sorority seeks to cultivate and encourage high
10 scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship
11 among college women, to improve the social stature of women of all
12 ages, and to be of service to all mankind; a member of the National
13 Pan-Hellenic Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha serves people around the
14 world through the efforts of more than 355,000 members in over 1,000
15 chapters located in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the
16 Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, South Korea, Japan, Dubai,
17 Liberia, Nigeria, and South Africa; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the group has made a
19 positive difference with its important work in the areas of civil
20 rights, education, economic empowerment, and health care; under the
21 leadership of the sorority's 31st international president, Danette
22 Anthony Reed, Alpha Kappa Alpha continues to focus on the personal
23 and professional development of its members, on the bonds of
24 sisterhood, and on its domestic and international servant

1 leadership; and

2 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha has long remained at the forefront
3 of effective advocacy and social change, and its members' efforts
4 have made an important contribution to the goals of equality and
5 equity for all citizens of the world; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
7 hereby recognize March 7, 2023, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the
8 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the sorority's visiting
9 delegation.