

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, America's first Greek-letter organization
2 established by and for African American college women, Alpha Kappa
3 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, was founded on January 15, 1908, at
4 Howard University; and

5 WHEREAS, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, along with 19 other courageous
6 women, organized the social and service group, and today, the
7 founders are affectionately known as the 20 Pearls; the sorority's
8 official colors are salmon pink and apple green, and the ivy leaf
9 and the AKA shield are its symbols; AKAs are known for their
10 intelligence, beauty, elegance, charm, and quiet strength; and

11 WHEREAS, The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to
12 cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to
13 promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help
14 alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve
15 their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college
16 life, and to be of service to all mankind; AKA is a member of the
17 National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, sorority members have
19 fulfilled their mission to serve others through a network of over
20 200,000 women in more than 975 chapters in the United States, the
21 Caribbean, Canada, Germany, Korea, and Japan and on the continent
22 of Africa; together they have made a positive difference in the
23 areas of civil rights, education, economic empowerment, and health;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, In 2008, AKA implemented a National Voter
2 Registration Blitz and "Take Five" Program, which resulted in the
3 registration of more than 120,000 voters nationwide; during those
4 campaigns, 1,350 Texas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members contacted
5 some 60,000 potential voters and distributed 11,250 voter
6 registration cards; in the end, more than 6,000 Texans were
7 registered to vote, thanks to the efforts of AKA members, who also
8 provided transportation to the polls for approximately 5,000
9 voters; and

10 WHEREAS, Barbara A. McKinzie, who serves as the 27th
11 international president, works to promote the sorority's current
12 theme of ESP: Economics, Service, and Partnerships; she is
13 supported by several regional directors, including Gwendolyn J.
14 Brinkley of Houston, who serves as the 23rd director of the South
15 Central Region; and

16 WHEREAS, AKA counts among its membership Texas state
17 representative Dawnna Dukes, District 46; Texas state
18 representative Dr. Alma Allen, District 131; Texas state
19 representative Senfronia Thompson, District 141; retired Texas
20 state representative Wilhelmina Delco, District 50; Denise Davis,
21 Texas House parliamentarian; United States congresswoman Sheila
22 Jackson Lee, 18th Congressional District of Texas; and former Texas
23 state senator and Texas state representative and current United
24 States congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, 30th Congressional
25 District of Texas; and

26 WHEREAS, The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority continues to prove
27 its relevance and its ability to stand the test of time with grace

1 and strength, and it is indeed a pleasure to commend its members for
2 their many outstanding endeavors; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize April 27, 2009, as Alpha Kappa Alpha
5 Day at the State Capitol and extend to all Texas AKA members sincere
6 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, as an
9 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Dukes
Thompson
Allen

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 8

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 8 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House