

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 28, 2011, to celebrate Alpha Kappa  
3 Alpha 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; together,  
8 these courageous 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, and to improve the social stature of women of  
12 all ages; a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Alpha  
13 Kappa Alpha serves people around the world through the efforts of  
14 more than 260,000 members in over 950 chapters located in the United  
15 States, the Caribbean, Canada, Germany, Korea, Japan, and Africa;  
16 for 103 years, the group has made a positive difference with its  
17 important work on civil rights, education, economic empowerment,  
18 and improved health care; and

19           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha partnered with the U.S. Census  
20 Bureau in 2009 to help support the accuracy of the 2010 census; the  
21 sorority's Texas chapters received a Census Partnership Support  
22 Grant, and they organized into 33 Complete Count Committees across  
23 the Lone Star State to help reach communities deemed "hard to  
24 count"; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition, the sorority implemented a nonpartisan  
2 National Voter Registration Blitz and "Take Five" Program in 2008,  
3 resulting in the registration of 120,000 voters nationwide; in  
4 Texas, 1,350 members distributed 11,250 registration cards,  
5 registered more than 6,000 voters, and transported approximately  
6 5,000 people to polling places on election day; and

7           WHEREAS, Many members of Alpha Kappa Alpha have gone on to  
8 careers in public service, including Texas State Representatives  
9 Dawnna Dukes, Dr. Alma Allen, and Senfronia Thompson and retired  
10 state representative Wilhelmina Delco, as well as Denise Davis,  
11 chief of staff for Speaker Joe Straus, and U.S. Congresswomen  
12 Sheila Jackson Lee and Eddie Bernice Johnson; and

13           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the sorority's 28th  
14 international president, Carolyn House Stewart, Alpha Kappa Alpha  
15 continues to address the issues of social justice, human rights,  
16 health, poverty, economic security, and environmental  
17 sustainability; the sorority's South Central Region is ably led by  
18 its 23rd regional director, Gwendolyn J. Brinkley of Houston; and

19           WHEREAS, Wearing their official colors of salmon pink and  
20 apple green, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha are widely recognized  
21 for their elegance, charm, intelligence, and quiet strength, and  
22 the sorority continues to win renown for its service to Texas and  
23 the nation; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
25 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2011, as Alpha Kappa  
26 Alpha Day at the State Capitol and extend to the sorority's visiting  
27 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful

1 event; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the sorority as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives.

Dukes

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 576

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 576 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House