

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 25, 2013, 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 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 and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha supports programs that focus on
18 areas such as developing leadership skills, encouraging healthy
19 lifestyles, preventing and managing asthma, and promoting
20 environmental stewardship; in addition, members work with a variety
21 of partner organizations to alleviate global poverty, promote
22 social justice, and empower women economically; and

23 WHEREAS, Many members of Alpha Kappa Alpha have gone on to
24 careers in public service, including Texas State Representatives

1 Dawnna Dukes, Dr. Alma Allen, and Senfronia Thompson, retired state
2 representative Wilhelmina Delco, and U.S. Congresswomen Sheila
3 Jackson Lee and Eddie Bernice Johnson; and

4 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the sorority's 28th
5 international president, Carolyn House Stewart, Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 continues to address the issues of social justice, human rights,
7 health, poverty, economic security, and environmental
8 sustainability; the sorority's South Central Region is ably led by
9 its 24th regional director, Chelle M. Wilson of Cross Roads; and

10 WHEREAS, Wearing their official colors of salmon pink and
11 apple green, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha are widely recognized
12 for their elegance, charm, intelligence, and quiet strength, and
13 the sorority continues to win renown for its service to Texas and
14 the nation; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2013, as Alpha Kappa
17 Alpha Day at the State Capitol and extend to the sorority's visiting
18 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful
19 event.

Dukes
Deshotel

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 546

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 546 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House