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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.