

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 March 2, 2015, 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; 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, 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 265,000 members in over 980  
15 chapters located in the United States, the Caribbean, Canada,  
16 Germany, Korea, Japan, and Africa; for 107 years, the group has made  
17 a positive difference with its important work in the areas of civil  
18 rights, education, economic empowerment, and improved health care;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Many members of Alpha Kappa Alpha have gone on to  
21 careers in public service, including Texas State Representatives  
22 Dawnna Dukes, Dr. Alma Allen, and Senfronia Thompson, retired state  
23 representative Wilhelmina Delco, and U.S. Congresswomen Sheila  
24 Jackson Lee and Eddie Bernice Johnson; and

1           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the sorority's 29th  
2 international president, Dorothy Buchannan Wilson, Alpha Kappa  
3 Alpha continues to address the issues of educational enrichment,  
4 health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership,  
5 and global impact; the sorority's South Central Region is ably led  
6 by its 24th regional director, Chelle Wilson of Dallas; and

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

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2015, as Alpha Kappa Alpha  
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the sorority's visiting  
15 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful  
16 event; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for the sorority as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.

Dukes

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farias	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miles	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 661

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 661 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House