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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 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.