

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 27, 2017, 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, 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 290,000 members in over 1,000
15 chapters located in the United States, the Caribbean, Canada,
16 Germany, Korea, Japan, and Africa; for more than 100 years, the
17 group has made a positive difference with its important work in the
18 areas of civil rights, education, economic empowerment, and
19 improved health care; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the sorority's 29th
21 international president, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, Alpha Kappa
22 Alpha continues to address the issues of educational enrichment,
23 health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership,
24 and global impact; and

1 WHEREAS, Wearing their official colors of salmon pink and
2 apple green, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha are widely recognized
3 for their elegance, charm, intelligence, and quiet strength, and
4 the sorority continues to win acclaim for its service to Texas and
5 the nation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2017, as Alpha Kappa
8 Alpha Day at the State Capitol and extend to the sorority's visiting
9 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful
10 event.

Reynolds

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 551

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 551 was adopted by the House on February 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House