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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 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.