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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the South Central Region of Alpha  
2 Kappa Alpha Sorority are gathering in Austin on May 14, 2019, to  
3 celebrate Alpha Kappa 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; these  
8 inspiring 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 nearly 300,000 members in over 1,000  
15 chapters located in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the  
16 Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, South Korea, Japan, Dubai, and  
17 Liberia; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the group has made a  
19 positive difference with its important work in the areas of civil  
20 rights, education, economic empowerment, and health care; under the  
21 leadership of the sorority's 30th international president,  
22 Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Alpha Kappa Alpha continues to focus on  
23 the personal and professional development of its members, on the  
24 bonds of sisterhood, and on its domestic and international servant

1 leadership; and

2 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha has long remained at the forefront  
3 of effective advocacy and social change, and its members' efforts  
4 have made an important contribution to the goals of equality and  
5 equity for all citizens of the world; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize May 14, 2019, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day  
8 at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the sorority's  
9 visiting delegation.