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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded
3 on the campus of Howard University in 1908 and incorporated in
4 1913, has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of
5 a new day of excellence and performance; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the nation's oldest
7 African-American sorority; the Sorority has never changed its
8 mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical
9 standards, promote unity and friendship among college women,
10 help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to
11 improve their social status, maintain a progressive interest
12 in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2018-2022 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
14 administration, under the dynamic and creative leadership of
15 International President Dr. Glenda Glover, who also serves as
16 the first female President of her alma mater Tennessee State
17 University in Nashville, Tennessee, continues to fulfill the
18 service imperative of the organization's founders with the
19 International Program "Exemplifying Excellence Through
20 Sustainable Service"; this program concentrates on: Target
21 #1-Historically Black Colleges and Universities-A Call for
22 Action, Target #2-Women's Health and Wellness, Target
23 #3-Building Your Economic Legacy, Target #4-The Arts, and

1 Target #5-Global Impact; and

2 WHEREAS, Many prominent women have been or are members of
3 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., including the late First
4 Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the late civil rights leaders Coretta
5 Scott King and Rosa Parks, actress Phylicia Rashad, the late
6 poet Maya Angelou, writer Toni Morrison, singer Alicia Keys,
7 attorney Star Jones, financial expert Mellody Hobson,
8 comedian/actress Wanda Sykes, actress Jada Pinkett-Smith, Cook
9 County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Board
10 President Toni Preckwinkle, Vice President Kamala Harris, and
11 the former President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton and Representative
13 LaToya Greenwood are the newest members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
14 Sorority, Inc.; seasoned members of the sorority include
15 Majority Caucus Chair Mattie Hunter; and

16 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of proven
17 leadership and extensive involvement in the world community
18 through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's
19 potential to significantly contribute to the world community;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made
22 history and expanded its international presence when it

1 chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in the Middle
2 East; the chapter's 37 women, located in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and
3 throughout the United Arab Emirates, are business executives,
4 attorneys, educators, and physicians, among other accomplished
5 professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, Leadership development is essential to the
7 vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing
8 requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and
9 dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a
10 continuous wellspring of quality leaders; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare the date of May 12, 2021 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in
14 the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
15 Incorporated, and its work; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Central Regional Director Sonya L. Bowen,
18 International President Dr. Glenda Glover, Illinois State
19 Connection Coordinator Kimberly Irene Egonmwan, and Illinois
20 State Connection Chair Nia Odeoti-Hassan.