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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 710

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

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

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

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1 #3-Building Your Economic Legacy, Target #4-The Arts, and
2 Target #5-Global Impact; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of proven
19 leadership and extensive involvement in the world community
20 through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's
21 potential to significantly contribute to the world community;
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1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated made
2 history and expanded its international presence when it
3 chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in the Middle
4 East; the chapter's 37 women, located in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and
5 throughout the United Arab Emirates, are business executives,
6 attorneys, educators, and physicians, among other accomplished
7 professionals; and

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

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the date of
15 May 12, 2022 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois
16 in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and its
17 work; and be it further

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