

1 HR120
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3 By Representatives Boyd, Givan and Hollis
4 RFD:
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RECOGNIZING THE 21ST OBSERVANCE OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON APRIL 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is an international service organization founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University as the first Greek-letter organization established by African American college women; its current international membership has reached over 300,000; Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are in the South Eastern Region; in Alabama, there are 3,664 active members in 22 graduate chapters and 20 undergraduate chapters; and

WHEREAS, as a service organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is dedicated to implementing programs that enhance the social, economic, and educational well-being of local, national, and international communities; the programs are implemented through the 2018-2022 administration with the theme "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service," which focuses on five targets: support for historically Black Colleges and Universities; women's

1 health care and wellness; economic well-being; the arts and
2 Global Impact; and

3 WHEREAS, social programs are spearheaded by the
4 International Connection Committee, the ninth standing
5 committee of the sorority; one of the programs under this
6 committee is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol where
7 members demonstrate and communicate its commitment to key
8 issues impacting individuals, families, and communities; the
9 committee's legislative agenda this year will focus on the
10 2020 Census and the voting initiative AKAs L.E.A.D. (Learn,
11 Empower, Advocate and Decide); and

12 WHEREAS, the activities for the Alabama Day at the
13 Capitol will begin on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, with a
14 collaborative activity with the Alabama Bar Association and
15 other philanthropic organizations that will be celebrating the
16 Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment; the activity
17 will culminate with a reception at the Archives and History
18 Building; on Thursday, April 9, 2020, sorority members will
19 meet at the Capitol to visit legislators and discuss 2020
20 policy initiatives; the activities for the day will include a
21 luncheon, speakers, round table discussions and presentations;
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and
25 pleasure in commending Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
26 Incorporated, and in welcoming its exceptionally accomplished

1 leaders to our august halls on the occasion of the 21st
2 Observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on April 9, 2020.