

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
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HR 1032

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5 By: Representative Murdock  
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS  
9 SERVICE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITIES AND  
10 TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 28, 2017, AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA  
11 DAY AT THE ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL.  
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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, founded on January  
23 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., is  
24 America's first Greek-letter organization for African-American women; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the sorority was conceived by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and 15 other  
27 visionaries who resolved that their college experience should be meaningful  
28 and productive; and  
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30 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than 265,000  
31 college-educated women from around the world, with an active membership of  
32 over 49,000 women who represent a diverse group; and  
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34 WHEREAS, its membership includes educators, heads of state,  
35 politicians, lawyers, medical professionals, media personalities, and  
36 decision-makers in major corporations; and



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2           WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha include  
3 Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae Jemison, Coretta Scott  
4 King, and Judge Constance Baker Motley; and local and state-wide members  
5 include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Hunter Brown, former  
6 Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen, and  
7 Senator Linda Chesterfield; and

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9           WHEREAS, there are 20 chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha throughout the  
10 State of Arkansas, consisting of 8 undergraduate chapters and 12 graduate  
11 chapters; and each chapter is proud of its community efforts in the areas of  
12 education, the arts, economic development, and health care; and

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14           WHEREAS, internationally, Alpha Kappa Alpha responds to the  
15 contemporary needs of the black community with comprehensive nontraditional  
16 programs; and

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18           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to All Mankind" began  
19 at its inception, and as a result the sorority has remained at the forefront  
20 of positive change in American life; and

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22           WHEREAS, currently, the Alpha Kappa Alpha International President has  
23 set forth the 2014-2018 theme of "Launching New Dimensions of Service"  
24 wherein the organization will address issues related to educational  
25 enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership,  
26 and global impact; and

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28           WHEREAS, during each biennial legislative session of the General  
29 Assembly, a day is designated as "AKA Day at the Capitol", drawing together  
30 Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and Alpha Kappa Alpha  
31 Sorority members from across the state to encourage participation in the  
32 legislative process; and

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34           WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol is  
35 February 28,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the House of Representatives commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
6 Inc., for its service work and contributions to its communities, and  
7 celebrate February 28, 2017, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Arkansas State  
8 Capitol.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an  
11 appropriate copy shall be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of  
12 Representatives to Chelle Luper Wilson, the South Central Regional Director  
13 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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