

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 525

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A RESOLUTION to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, South Eastern Regional Director Dr. Tracey Morant Adams and AKA Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2023, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., members from across the State will converge in Nashville for AKA Day at the Capitol to attend work sessions focusing on maternal health, Black youth mental health, and suicide prevention, all of which are components of the sorority's 2023 Legislative Agenda; and

WHEREAS, leading the charge during AKA Day at the Capitol is Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., South Eastern Regional Director Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, who presides over sorority chapters in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, motivated by an altruistic concern for human welfare, Dr. Morant Adams was initiated in the Mu Mu Chapter in 1985 and has remained an active member since that time; she has served at all levels of the sorority, most recently as Chairman of the International Membership Committee, spearheading a campaign to reactivate more than 30,000 members; and

WHEREAS, her impressive tenure of service also includes being a Representative to Membership, Standards Committees, and the I/E Investigations Team; at the regional level, she has served as Operations Chairman, Logistics Chairman, Secretary, and General Chairman of the 79th South Eastern Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she is a Charter Member of the Upsilon Eta Omega Chapter and a certified Parliamentarian, Graduate Advisor, and Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, apart from her involvement with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Dr. Tracey Morant Adams is Chief Community Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Officer for Renasant Bank and serves as Executive Strategist for the bank's DEI framework; and

WHEREAS, her humanitarian efforts have been celebrated by many, including the NAACP, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, and *Savoy* magazine, which named her among the Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morant Adams's civic affiliations include serving on the Talladega College Board of Trustees, the Birmingham Kiwanis Board, The Women's Foundation of Alabama, Children's Hospital of Alabama, and The Links, Incorporated; she also serves on national community development advocacy boards and was appointed to the Alabama Women's Statutes Commission by the governor of Alabama in 2021; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love of her husband, Jeffery J. Adams, Sr., a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and proud to be the bonus mother of J.J. Adams and the daughter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Life Member Callie W. Morant; her goddaughter, Trinity Odongo, is also a member of the sorority; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize Dr. Morant Adams and welcome the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as they take part in AKA Day at the Capitol; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, South Eastern Regional Director Dr. Tracey Morant Adams and welcome her and her fellow sorors as they come together for AKA Day at the Capitol, thanking them for their many acts of service and extending our best wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.