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3 By Representatives Boyd, Givan, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker,
4 Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Bracy,
5 Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 Ellis, England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,
8 Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones,
11 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican, Mooney,
13 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus,
14 Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,
15 Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge,
16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton
17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW),
18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 16-FEB-17

8 RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON THE 18TH
9 OBSERVANCE OF AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL.

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11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
12 has established a mandate for carrying out the vision of a new
13 day of excellence and performance, highlighted with the
14 observance of 2017 AKA Day at the Capitol; and

15 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of "Service to
16 All Mankind" began at its inception, and the sorority has
17 remained at the forefront of positive change in American life
18 for more than a century; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2014-2018 administration continues to
20 fulfill the service imperative of the founders with the theme
21 "Building Connection Strategies: Advocating, Monitoring, and
22 Responding to Change" and the third year of the Launching New
23 Dimensions of Service program; and

24 WHEREAS, according to AKA Supreme Basileus Dorothy
25 Buchanan Wilson, the second year of the Launching New
26 Dimensions Service program resulted in countless youth and
27 adults being positively impacted by AKA's magnanimous

contributions of more than two million service hours and over five million dollars invested in scholarships, along with its focus on the five program target areas including Educational Enrichment, Civil Rights/Social Justice, Statewide Legislative Issues, Be the Voice initiative focusing on dialogue and conversation post-election, and Constituent Meetings; and

WHEREAS, AKA Supreme Basileus Dorothy Buckhanan

Wilson projects year three of the Launching New Dimensions of Service program to be equally strong as the esteemed sorority advances with a record 68,000 members indicating outstanding reactivation efforts and new member initiations as well as a vibrancy that is key to maintaining a long-term stable foundation for the remarkable sisterhood; notably, AKA's 67th Boule hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, during the summer of 2016 culminated with 21,700 in attendance, making it the largest Boule to date and providing a powerful worldwide statement about AKA's service delivery and mission impact; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's storied history of

proven leadership and extensive involvement in the world community through strategic partnerships evidence the sorority's potential to significantly contribute to the world community; and

WHEREAS, leadership development is essential to the vitality of the organization, and the sorority's continuing requirements of academic excellence, shared values, and dedication to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha ensure a continuous wellspring of quality leaders; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we take great pride and pleasure in commending Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and in welcoming its exceptionally accomplished leaders to our august halls on the occasion of the celebration of AKA Day at the Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to the sorority for presentation to AKA South Eastern Representative Dr. Sharon Shaw-McEwen, AKA International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the AKA International Connection Committee, and the AKA South Eastern Regional Director Mary B. Conner.