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3 By Representatives Boyd, Hollis and Givan
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8 RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY,
9 INCORPORATED, ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL.
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11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
12 was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington,
13 D.C. in 1908; it is the oldest Greek-letter organization
14 established by African-American college-educated women; The
15 sorority has flourished into a globally-impactful organization
16 of nearly 300,000 college-trained members in more than 1,000
17 chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S.
18 Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada,
19 South Africa, and the Middle East; and

20 WHEREAS, the Opening Session for AKA Day at the
21 Capitol will begin this year on April 23, 2019, with members
22 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, connecting with
23 Regional and International officers, Community Leaders, and
24 Legislators to discuss current legislation and take action
25 through Voter Engagement and Advocacy Activities; this session
26 will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Room 200 at the Alabama State
27 House; The AKA Day session at the Capitol will rally around

1 the theme, "Take A.C.T.I.O.N: Through HBCUs and Economic
2 Empowerment"; and

3 WHEREAS, the sorority has a Legislative Agenda for
4 the 2019-2020 sessions which includes Federal and State
5 Funding for education, access to Healthcare, Economic
6 Empowerment, Voting Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, fair
7 presentation and access to the Arts; Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at
8 the Capitol is the primary vehicle used to display our
9 position of membership strength and provide members with an
10 opportunity to engage Elected Officials at the State Level;
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12 WHEREAS, this is the first AKA Day at the Capitol in
13 the Southeastern Region under the Sorority's International
14 Theme, "Exemplifying Excellence through Sustainable Service,"
15 introduced by the current International President, Dr. Glenda
16 Glover; the 26th South Eastern Regional Director, Attorney
17 Mitzi Dease Paige, leads the region which consists of three
18 states Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee; the Regional AKA
19 Day at the Capitol Liaison is Leyser Q. Hayes, Esq; the State
20 Coordinator is Pamela Hudson Pruitt; the Alabama Liaison is
21 Dr. Barbara Boyd and Melissa McNeil Hammonds is the AKA Day at
22 the Capitol Resource; the Southeastern Representative to the
23 International Connection Committee, Ms. Juanda Maxwell will
24 also attend the event; this event will include members
25 attending the Opening of the Legislative Session and
26 Legislative Committee Meetings; the day will conclude with
27 Constituent Visits and a Tour of the Capitol; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we take great pride and
3 pleasure in commending Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
4 Incorporated, and in welcoming its exceptionally accomplished
5 leaders to our august halls on the occasion of the celebration
6 of AKA Day at the Capitol.