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4 HR_____ OBSERVING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON
5 APRIL 14, 2023.
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7 WHEREAS, in observance of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Day
8 at the Capitol, we have with us today the South Eastern
9 Regional Director, Dr. Tracey Morant Adams; and

10 WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
11 Incorporated, South Eastern Regional Director serves at all
12 levels of the sorority, most recently as Chairman of the
13 International Membership Committee, spearheading a campaign
14 to reactivate over 30,000 members; motivated by an
15 altruistic concern for human welfare, she was initiated in
16 MU MU Chapter in 1985 and has remained a lifelong active
17 member since; she has served as Representative to the
18 Membership, Standards Committees, and the I/E Investigations
19 Team; at the regional level, her leadership roles include
20 Operations Chairman, Logistics Chairman, Secretary, and
21 General Chairman of the 79th South Eastern Regional
22 Conference; additionally, she is a Charter Member of the
23 Upsilon Eta Omega Chapter, and a certified Parliamentarian,
24 Graduate Advisor, and Financial Officer; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Tracey Morant Adams is Chief Community
26 Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Officer for
27 Renasant Bank, serving as Executive Strategist for the
28 bank's DEI framework; her humanitarian efforts have been



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celebrated by many, including the NAACP; in 2020, she was named one of Savoy's Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America, and by Profiles in Diversity Journal in 2022; her 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 serves on national community development advocacy boards and was appointed by the Governor of Alabama in 2021 to the Alabama Women's Tribute Statue Commission; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has a 115-year tradition of social action; under the theme "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood," the International Connection and Social Action Committee is poised to implement the "Advocate for Social Justice" initiative with a robust advocacy agenda; this agenda was initiated during the 2022 mid-term elections with the launch of the "Soar to the Polls" voter engagement campaign; U.S. elections impact policy and funding decisions regarding health care, education, environment, voting rights, housing, public safety, and economics, among other issues; while all votes matter in these decisions, voter suppression is at an all-time high; the "Soar to the Polls" campaign was developed to address voting barriers via a three-pronged approach: Voter Education, Voter Registration, and Voter Mobilization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the "Soar to the Polls" campaign, the AKA advocacy agenda includes: a legislative



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57 agenda focusing on mental health among Black mothers and
58 youth; the revival of the AKA Public Policy Conference; AKA
59 Days at the Capitol; United Nations and International
60 engagement; and a focus on increasing Women Leaders in
61 Public Policy; and

62 WHEREAS, the representation of Alpha Kappa Alpha
63 Sorority, Incorporated, in the Alabama House of
64 Representatives includes Representatives Barbara Bigsby
65 Boyd, House District 32; Juandalynn Givan, House District
66 60; Rolanda Hollis, House District 58; and Patrice McClammy,
67 House District 76; now therefore,

68 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
69 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That April 14, 2023, is hereby
70 recognized as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol, and we
71 offer Dr. Tracey Morant Adams and the ladies of the Alpha
72 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated a warm welcome, and this
73 resolution is offered as evidence of our high esteem for
74 their work for social justice, advocacy for increased voter
75 turnout, and thoughtful legislation that benefits their
76 communities.