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By Representatives Givan, Hollis, McClammy, Boyd

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HR____ OBSERVING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024.

WHEREAS, in observance of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Day at the Capitol, we have with us today the South Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Tracey Morant Adams; and

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That February 27, 2024, is hereby recognized as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol, and we offer Dr. Tracey Morant Adams and the ladies of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a warm welcome, and this resolution is offered as evidence of our high esteem for their work for social justice, advocacy for increased voter turnout, and thoughtful legislation that benefits their communities.