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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
10 SORORITY, INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) YEARS OF
11 SERVICE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE WOMEN AND THE
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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 at Howard
23 University in Washington, D.C., and incorporated in 1913, and is the oldest
24 Greek-letter organization established in America by African-American college
25 women; and

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27 WHEREAS, the initial conception of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was to
28 enrich the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing
29 mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates; and

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31 WHEREAS, through the years Alpha Kappa Alpha's functioning has become
32 more complex, gradually branching out and becoming the channel through which
33 selected college-trained women improved the social and economic conditions in
34 their city, state, nation, and the world; and

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36 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha women are known for their professionalism,



1 community involvement, commitment to family, government participation, and
2 service to all people; and

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4 WHEREAS, currently there are over nine hundred (900) chapters of Alpha
5 Kappa Alpha sororities around the world with more than one hundred sixty
6 thousand (160,000) members; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
9 is the first chapter in Arkansas and was organized on March 13, 1937; and

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11 WHEREAS, Arkansas has nineteen (19) Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters with
12 over one thousand two hundred (1,200) members; and

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14 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is actively involved in all aspects of life
15 in Arkansas and is a recognized political and social force in our state; and

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17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's various activities in Arkansas reflect the
18 organization's national policy that targets education, health, the African-
19 American family, economic empowerment, and the arts.

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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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25 That the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Alpha Kappa
26 Alpha Sorority, Inc. for over one hundred one (101) years of service to
27 African-American women and the community; and the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of
28 Alpha Kappa Alpha for its outstanding leadership in the State of Arkansas
29 which is reflected in its service to our state, community, government, and
30 families.

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an
33 appropriate copy shall be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and
34 the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. by the Chief
35 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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