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HCR 1021

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5 By: Representatives W. Lewellen, Blount, Williams, Rainey  
6 By: *Senator Crumbly*

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA  
11 SORORITY, INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) YEARS OF  
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15 **Subtitle**

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23 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 at Howard  
24 University in Washington, D.C., and incorporated in 1913, and is the oldest  
25 Greek-letter organization established in America by African-American college  
26 women; and

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

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



1           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha women are known for their professionalism,  
2 community involvement, commitment to family, government participation, and  
3 service to all people; and  
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5           WHEREAS, currently there are over nine hundred (900) chapters of Alpha  
6 Kappa Alpha sororities around the world with more than one hundred sixty  
7 thousand (160,000) members; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
10 is the first chapter in Arkansas and was organized on March 13, 1937; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Arkansas has nineteen (19) Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters with  
13 over one thousand two hundred (1,200) members; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is actively involved in all aspects of life  
16 in Arkansas and is a recognized political and social force in our state; and  
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18           WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's various activities in Arkansas reflect the  
19 organization's national policy that targets education, health, the African-  
20 American family, economic empowerment, and the arts.  
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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:  
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26           That the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Alpha Kappa  
27 Alpha Sorority, Inc. for over one hundred one (101) years of service to  
28 African-American women and the community; and the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of  
29 Alpha Kappa Alpha for its outstanding leadership in the State of Arkansas  
30 which is reflected in its service to our state, community, government, and  
31 families.  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, an  
34 appropriate copy shall be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and  
35 the Beta Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. by the Chief  
36 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

*/s/ W. Lewellen*

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