

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

HR 1039

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5 By: Representative Springer

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®,
10 FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO
11 DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY
12 AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, founded on January
23 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., was
24 America's first Greek-letter organization for college Black women; and

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26 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, was conceived by
27 Ethel Hedgemon Lyle and eight (8) other visionaries who resolved that their
28 college experience should be meaningful and productive; and

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30 WHEREAS, that small group grew to a membership of more than three
31 hundred sixty thousand (360,000) college-educated women from around the
32 world, with an active membership of one thousand seventy-four (1,074)
33 chapters of over one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) women who represent a
34 diverse group; and

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36 WHEREAS, the membership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



1 includes educators, heads of state, politicians, lawyers, medical
2 professionals, media personalities, decision makers in major corporations,
3 former Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris, Little Rock Nine
4 member the late Thelma Mothershed Wair, and late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson
5 Lee; and

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7 WHEREAS, well-known honorary members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
8 Incorporated®, include Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, Ella Fitzgerald, Mae
9 Jemison, Coretta Scott King, Judge Constance Baker Motley, former First Lady
10 Hillary Rodham Clinton, and former First Lady Michelle Obama; and

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12 WHEREAS, local and statewide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
13 Incorporated®, include Judge Andree Layton Roaf, former Senator Irma Lee
14 Hunter Brown, former Representative Nancy Blount, former Representative
15 Wilhelmina Lewellen, Senator Jamie Scott, Representative Joy Springer, former
16 Senator Linda Chesterfield, and Deputy Director for the Senate/Assistant
17 Secretary of the Senate Sabrina Lewellen; and

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19 WHEREAS, there are twenty-one (21) chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha
20 Sorority, Incorporated®, throughout the state, and each chapter is proud of
21 its community efforts in the areas of education, the arts, economic
22 development, and health care; and

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24 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, responds to the
25 contemporary needs of the Black community with comprehensive nontraditional
26 programs; and

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28 WHEREAS, the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®,
29 "Service to All Mankind", began at its inception, and as a result the
30 sorority has remained at the forefront of positive change in American life;
31 and

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33 WHEREAS, during each biennial regular session of the General Assembly,
34 a day is designated as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State Capitol, drawing
35 together Arkansas's constitutional officers, elected officials, and sorority
36 members from across the state, the south central region, and the

1 International Office of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, to
2 encourage participation in the legislative process,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the House of Representatives commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
9 Incorporated®, for its service work and contributions to the State of
10 Arkansas, the south central region of the United States, and internationally,
11 and celebrate February 25, 2025, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the State
12 Capitol.

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
15 provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dr. Shawn G.
16 Simmons, the South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
17 Incorporated®, Mrs. DeMetris Sampson, International Connection Committee
18 chairman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, and Mrs. Alexandria
19 Taylor, New Mexico Connection Committee chairman of Alpha Kappa Alpha
20 Sorority, Incorporated®.