**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY FOR ITS PHILANTHROPIC WORK AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017, “ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY” AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE.

Whereas, founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has the distinction of being the oldest Greek‑lettered organization established by African‑American college‑educated women. It has expanded internationally since its founding days to more than two hundred ninety thousand members; and

Whereas, the South Atlantic Region is the largest of the ten Alpha Kappa Alpha regions, with graduate and undergraduate chapters across the states of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. More than ten thousand dynamic women work tirelessly to provide service to all mankind throughout this illustrious region; and

Whereas, the South Atlantic Region is home to three former international presidents, and South Carolina is home to the current international president, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson of Sumter (2015‑2018); and

Whereas, under the mission of global leadership through service, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is committed to community service and actively contributes to the educational, civic, and social life of South Carolina’s citizens; and

Whereas, the 2014‑2018 International Program focuses on Launching New Dimensions of Service℠. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority have the opportunity to address community needs through programs in five target areas: educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global impact; and

Whereas, at present, Alpha Kappa Alpha counts among its members two members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Chandra E. Dillard and Patricia Moore Henegan, as well as one senator, Mia McLeod; and

Whereas, through its exceptional tradition of philanthropic giving and service, Alpha Kappa Alpha has shown itself worthy of recognition. The Senate takes great pleasure in granting that recognition and acknowledging the sorority’s excellence. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for its philanthropic work and declare Thursday, February 23, 2017, “Alpha Kappa Alpha Day” at the South Carolina State House.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Alpha Kappa Alpha South Atlantic Regional Director Sharon Brown Harriott.

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