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House Resolution

A resolution acknowledging the commitment of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to worldwide service and expressing appreciation for the organization's service to people of Florida.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is a public service organization founded on January 15, 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the first Greek-letter organization established for and by African-American college women, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is an international organization with many chapters located in communities and on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is committed to community service and has made numerous contributions to the educational, civic, and social lives of Floridians, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the 2014-2018 International Program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., "Launching New Dimensions of Service" is expanding the organization's community presence and addressing community needs under the banner of five initiatives, including Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact, and

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WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., annually participate in International Community Service Days to highlight the organization's collective impact in program target areas, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, Pink Goes Red for Heart Health Day, 1908 Playgrounds Mobilization Day, the Longest Day Alzheimer's Support Activities, Mental Health Awareness Day, and Childhood Hunger Awareness Day, and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has strategically aligned with corporate partners to assist in achieving the organization's international program targets, including the United Nations Association of the United States of America, the Global Classrooms Project, the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association, the American Stroke Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Africare, and

WHEREAS, South Atlantic Regional Director Sharon Brown Harriott leads the membership of this great sisterhood in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Democratic Leader pro tempore Representative Mia
L. Jones and Senator Geraldine Thompson are esteemed members of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., and

WHEREAS, in Florida, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing service projects and programs in their respective communities throughout the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the commitment of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to worldwide service and expresses appreciation for the organization's service to people of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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