**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY FOR ITS PHILANTHROPIC WORK AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012, “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‑letter organization established by African‑American college‑trained women. It has expanded internationally since its founding days to more than two hundred sixty thousand members; and

Whereas, South Carolina, located in the significant South Atlantic Region, hosts forty‑nine of these chapters, seventeen being undergraduate chapters located on college and university campuses and thirty‑two being graduate chapters active in communities throughout the State; and

Whereas, under the mission of global leadership through timeless 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, graduate chapters encourage their members to become involved community volunteers in one of their primary service components, such as emerging young leaders, health, environmental sustainability, global poverty, economic security, social justice, human rights, and internal leadership training for external service; and

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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for its philanthropic work and declare Thursday, April 26, 2012, “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 Marsha Lewis Brown.

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