

Senate Resolution 1268

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on the occasion of its 67th Boule in Atlanta,
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, more than 108 years ago, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., became the
4 nation's first sorority to have the distinction of being established by African American
5 college women for African American college women in order to cultivate and encourage
6 high scholastic and ethical standards among African American college women; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA) was founded at Howard University in
8 Washington, D.C., in 1908 and legally incorporated in 1913, and over the years the sorority
9 has expanded internationally to more than 986 chapters and 283,000 members worldwide;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, from the beginning, AKA was a new concept for a new era, and its purpose and
12 program efforts through the years have been directed toward improving the quality of life for
13 all mankind while living the sorority motto, "By Culture and By Merit"; and

14 WHEREAS, the sorority has long distinguished itself as a guiding torch for service and
15 leadership throughout the world community and is to be commended for its programs that
16 have had impact at home and around the world, such as the African Village Development
17 Program, International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, Partnership in Mathematics
18 and Science, ON TRACK (Organizing, Nurturing, Team-building, Respecting, Achieving,
19 Counseling, and Knowing), Ivy AKAdemy, and the Young Authors Program; and

20 WHEREAS, after celebrating more than 100 years of service, the sorority has moved into the
21 new millennium, embracing the theme E.S.P. (Economics, Sisterhood, and Partnerships) to
22 encompass nontraditional entrepreneurs, the Black family, technology and health resource
23 management, as well as helping people become engaged in their respective communities and
24 be the best they can be; and

25 WHEREAS, as they continue through their 2014-2018 program, Launching New Dimensions
26 of Service, which targets educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening,
27 environmental ownership, and global impact, this international initiative will carry on the
28 AKA traditions of community involvement, civic engagement, purposeful action, and service
29 to all mankind; and

30 WHEREAS, under the leadership of International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson and
31 South Atlantic Regional Director Sharon Brown Harriott, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha
32 Sorority, Inc., will convene in Atlanta from July 6-8, 2016, for their International Regional
33 Conference and July 9-14, 2016, for the sorority's 67th Boule.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., welcome its members to our capitol city, and
36 extend best wishes for an informative and productive Boule and wonderful visit in the great
37 State of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Alpha Kappa
40 Alpha Sorority, Inc.