

119TH CONGRESS
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Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, on reaching the historic milestone of 117 years of serving communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

RESOLUTION

Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, on reaching the historic milestone of 117 years of serving communities.

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, DC, by Ethel Hedgemon, Anna Easter Brown, Beulah Elizabeth Burke, Lillie E. Burke, Marjorie Hill, Margaret Flagg, Lavinia Norman, Lucy Diggs Slowe, and Marie Woolfolk;

Whereas these 9 young women founded Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, on the 5 original core tenets: to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; to promote unity and friendship among college women; to

study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature; to maintain a progressive interest in college life; and to be of “Service to All Mankind”;

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® , was successfully incorporated on January 29, 1913;

Whereas, since its founding in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® , membership now includes over 1,075 chapters internationally, with more than 120,000 active members, and has initiated more than 365,000 members worldwide;

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® , is dedicated to implementing programs of service that enhance the well-being of local, national, and international communities;

Whereas the theme of that service program for 2022–2026 is “Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood” and will involve 6 initiatives, namely—

- (1) Strengthen Our Sisterhood;
- (2) Empower Our Families;
- (3) Build Our Economic Wealth;
- (4) Enhance Our Environment;
- (5) Advocate for Social Justice; and
- (6) Uplift Our Local Community;

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®’s present administration looks to use each of these initiatives to empower members to lead on the front lines of change, education, and advocacy; and

Whereas, among its many accomplished members, Vice President Kamala Harris, the first woman to occupy the Office of the Vice President of the United States, is a proud

member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®: Now,
therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates and commends Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
- 3 Inc.®, on 117 years of service.

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