

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 870

Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, on reaching the historic milestone of 114 years of serving communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2022

Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, on reaching the historic milestone of 114 years of serving communities.

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., 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 main-

tain a progressive interest in college life; and to be of “Service to All Mankind”;

Whereas the 20 pearls of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., successfully incorporated the sorority on January 29, 1913;

Whereas, since its founding in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., membership now includes over 1,000 chapters internationally, with more than 87,000 active members, and has initiated nearly 300,000 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 2018–2022 is “Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service” and will involve 5 program targets, namely—

- (1) HBCU for Life: A Call to Action;
- (2) Women’s Healthcare and Wellness;
- (3) Building Your Economic Legacy;
- (4) The Arts!; and
- (5) Global Impact;

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.’s signature initiative of this service program is the college admissions process, which assists students in the application process by providing a hands-on approach and step-by-step guidance to facilitate college admission;

Whereas Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is helping to ensure the sustainability of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) by implementing an HBCU Endowment Initiative at each accredited 4-year HBCU, and by encouraging students to attend HBCUs; 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 114 years of service.

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