



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234

By Representatives Cooper, Brown, Favors, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Larry Miller, Lois DeBerry, Gilmore, Pruitt, Armstrong

and

Senators Marrero, Ford, Harper, Kyle, Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for its new program initiatives.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to the members of those exemplary organizations who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding organization is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908, by sixteen members, including Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, who was the organization's visionary founder; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has grown from one undergraduate chapter to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in over 950 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-eighth International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Attorney Carolyn House Stewart, implements the legacy of service through her program, "Global Leadership Through Timeless Service," which emphasizes initiatives in several areas: Emerging Youth Leaders; health, including asthma prevention and management and environmental sustainability; global poverty; economic security; social justice and human rights; and internal leadership training for external service; and

WHEREAS, the International Program Chairman, Attorney Sharon F. Bridges, issued the call to global service to all chapters throughout the Nation, reminding chapter members that implementing the program initiatives will enrich mankind and transform lives around the globe through members' commitment to a legacy of supreme service; and

WHEREAS, these program initiatives in Alpha Kappa Alpha's second century of service meet the heightened need of today's youth and promote their personal success; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne P.K. Washington, the newly-elected South Eastern Regional Director, serves the Region with distinction in conjunction with the presidents of the 104 chapters in the Region, with thirty-one of these chapters located in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the new administration, in conjunction with the International Connection Committee Chairman, Attorney Leyser Q. Hayes, also promotes Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol under the current program initiatives in an effort to identify, study, and design strategies to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's presentations at the 2011 Capitol Days throughout the country will include topics such as redistricting, restoration of rights, achieving economic security, health initiatives related to asthma management and awareness, and other health initiatives under the current administration; and

WHEREAS, the South Eastern Region's momentous achievements in new program initiatives are wholly deserving of the recognition of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor the members of the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for its new administration and effective implementation of new program initiatives under the theme, "Global Leadership Through Timeless Service," commend their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and their many years of dedication to the highest ideals of human welfare and public service, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

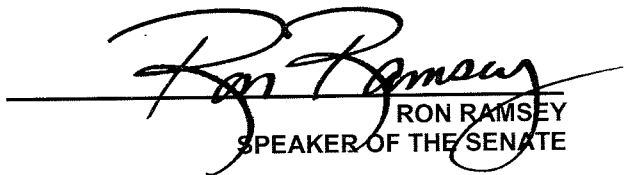
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 21, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR