HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.215

Reps. Bolden, Anthony, Brenda Carter, Robinson, Yancey, Cynthia Johnson, Wittenberg and Love offered the following resolution:

1   A resolution to declare January 15, 2020, as Alpha Kappa Alpha
2   Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of Michigan.
3   Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is the
4   oldest Greek-lettered organization to have been established by
5   African-American college-educated women; and
6   Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded at Howard University in
7   Washington, D.C., in 1908; and
8   Whereas, Founder Ethel Hedgeman Lyle envisioned the sorority
9   as an instrument for enriching campus life by promoting unity and
10   cultivating high academic and ethical standards; and
11   Whereas, Through the years, the sorority's function has become

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1   more complex, branching out to engage members worldwide in advocacy

2   and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political,

3   and environmental conditions; and

4   Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha's diverse, collaborative work

5   throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and

6   United Arab Emirates integrates a high level of personal engagement

7   with the strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of

8   community partners; and

9   Whereas, Michigan hosts over 30 Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters

10   which are located on college and university campuses and have

11   active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

12   Whereas, The Great Lakes Region is home to 97 empowered and

13   engaged chapters serving Michigan, Ohio, Western New York, Western

14   Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, now, therefore, be it

15   Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

16   this legislative body declare January 15, 2020, as Alpha Kappa

17   Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of

18   Michigan; and be it further

19   Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

20   Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Tau Omega, and Delta Tau Omega

21   Chapters in recognition of all Michigan chapters.