

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Reps. Bolden, Anthony, Brenda Carter, Robinson, Yancey, Cynthia Johnson, Wittenberg, Love, Garza, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby and Stone 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



1 Whereas, Through the years, the sorority's function has become
2 more complex, branching out to engage members worldwide in advocacy
3 and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political,
4 and environmental conditions; and

5 Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha's diverse, collaborative work
6 throughout the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and
7 United Arab Emirates integrates a high level of personal engagement
8 with the strong bonds of sisterhood and a productive network of
9 community partners; and

10 Whereas, Michigan hosts over 30 Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters
11 which are located on college and university campuses and have
12 active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

13 Whereas, The Great Lakes Region is home to 97 empowered and
14 engaged chapters serving Michigan, Ohio, Western New York, Western
15 Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare January 15, 2020, as Alpha Kappa
18 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of
19 Michigan; and be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
21 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Tau Omega, and Delta Tau Omega
22 Chapters in recognition of all Michigan chapters.