

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.207

Reps. Bolden, Anthony, Breen, Haadsma, Sneller, Sowerby, Steenland and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 15, 2022, 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
12 more complex, branching out to engage members worldwide in advocacy

1 and service projects to improve socioeconomic, racial, political,
2 and environmental conditions; and

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

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

11 Whereas, The Great Lakes Region is home to 97 empowered and
12 engaged chapters serving Michigan, Ohio, western New York, western
13 Pennsylvania, and West Virginia; and

14 Whereas, There are two members of Alpha Kappa Alpha currently
15 serving in the 101st Michigan Legislature, now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare January 15, 2022, as Alpha Kappa
18 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Founders' Day in the state of
19 Michigan; and be it further

20 Resolved, That a copy 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.