

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 10, 2017 "ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DAY"  
3 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, alpha kappa alpha sorority, incorporated, was  
6 founded on January 15, 1908 at Howard university as the first  
7 Negro Greek-letter sorority; and

8 WHEREAS, the mission of alpha kappa alpha sorority,  
9 incorporated, is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic  
10 and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among  
11 college women, to study and alleviate problems concerning  
12 girls and women to improve their social stature, to maintain  
13 a progressive interest in college life and to be of "service  
14 to all mankind"; and

15 WHEREAS, one hundred nine years later, alpha kappa alpha  
16 sorority, incorporated, continues to provide supreme service  
17 by launching "new dimensions of service", the program theme  
18 of the international president, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson; and

19 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico maintains an  
20 award-winning graduate chapter of alpha kappa alpha sorority,  
21 incorporated, known as the iota xi omega chapter; and

22 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico maintains an  
23 undergraduate chapter of alpha kappa alpha sorority,  
24 incorporated, known as the tau phi chapter; and

25 WHEREAS, the iota xi omega and the tau phi chapters join

1 the south central regional director, Katina Semien, and other  
2 chapters in the sensational south central region and across  
3 the globe in launching new dimensions of advocacy and  
4 political action; and

5 WHEREAS, this advocacy and political action will be  
6 focused on the program's five target areas of educational  
7 enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening,  
8 environmental ownership and global impact; and

9 WHEREAS, alpha kappa alpha sorority, incorporated,  
10 continues to be a voice, through voter education,  
11 mobilization and registration efforts, to drive effective  
12 change at the community level;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10,  
15 2017 be recognized as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in the  
16 house of representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the past, present and future  
18 members of this illustrious sorority who uphold its  
19 standards, who are committed to its mission and who dutifully  
20 serve its community be honored; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the alpha kappa alpha sorority, incorporated,  
23 the university of New Mexico's iota xi omega chapter and the  
24 tau phi chapter.