

## House Resolution 384

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and Randall of the 142<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Juanita Orr during the February 18, 2013, Alpha  
2 Kappa Alpha day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which has the distinction of being the first  
4 sorority established by African American college women, was founded at Howard University  
5 in Washington, D.C., in 1908, and has expanded internationally to more than 965 chapters;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia hosts 51 of these chapters which are located on college and university  
8 campuses and have active alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is committed to community service and actively  
10 contributes to the educational, civic, and social life of Georgia's citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the capitol is a national program in which members  
12 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority throughout the country meet with their legislators to address  
13 issues that are pertinent to their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of Mrs. Juanita Orr on January 17, 2013;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, she was born on April 19, 1933, a beloved daughter of Joseph and Eula Orr; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr had a blessed Alpha Kappa Alpha life where she learned many skills  
18 and made many friends; and

19 WHEREAS, she was elected Basileus (President) in three chapters, and later she was  
20 appointed as the National Chairman of the Connection Committee by former Supreme  
21 Basileus Norma White; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr proposed, and the AKA Directorate approved, the first nationwide  
23 AKA Day at the State Capitol, which occurs this year on Monday, February 18; and

24 WHEREAS, she also proposed the Time Capsule, and she and Ivy Beyond the Wall Anne  
25 Mitchem-Davis selected the contents to be enclosed; the Alpha Kappa Alpha Time Capsule  
26 will be opened at Boule 2050; and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Orr gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep  
28 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she  
29 demonstrated to her friends and family were admired by others; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mrs. Juanita Orr will long be  
31 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal Alpha Kappa Alpha sister  
32 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Juanita Orr during  
35 the February 18, 2013, Alpha Kappa Alpha day at the capitol and express their deepest and  
36 most sincere regret at her passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to State Representative Karen  
39 Bennett; Carolyn House Stewart, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and the family  
40 of Mrs. Juanita Orr.