

House Resolution 1907

By: Representative Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
2 Incorporated, recognizing January 25-31, 2016, as Upsilon Alpha Omega Week at the state  
3 capitol, and encouraging the citizens of Gwinnett County to join Upsilon Alpha Omega in  
4 observing the organization's 22 years of service and the outstanding contributions it has made  
5 to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
7 Incorporated, was founded on January 29, 1994, to implement and support the international  
8 programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, as it pertains to the needs of  
9 Gwinnett County, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, on January 29, 1994, the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter was chartered in  
11 Lawrenceville, Georgia, by 30 aspiring professional women: Joyce Averis, Beauty P.  
12 Baldwin, Edna Berry-Narcisse, Geri Baldwin-Gonzalez, Carol Anne Brown, Jean Cyprien,  
13 Patricia Daniel, Debra Davis, Theresa Dove-Waters, Donna Gatling, Karen Hatter, Kathleen  
14 Jones, Georgette Sherman, Linda Jones, Mary Matthews, Geri Marion McCord, Janice  
15 McGruder, Meryl McNeal, Debbie Payton, Linda Thomas-Mobley, Cynthia Redd, Beverly  
16 Robinson, Alberta Russell, Jacqueline Scott, Debbie Sledge, CaSandra Smith, Tenjurie  
17 Thomas, Terrince Thomas, Brenda Wallace, and Wendy Wilson; and

18 WHEREAS, Upsilon Alpha Omega is the first African American Greek-letter organization  
19 in Gwinnett County and has more than 300 members; and

20 WHEREAS, Upsilon Alpha Omega has been instrumental in promoting local programs that  
21 emphasize the continued mission of "service to mankind" in conjunction with the national  
22 initiatives of Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening,  
23 Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact; and

24 WHEREAS, Upsilon Alpha Omega has contributed over 10,000 community service hours  
25 and is committed to sustaining service hours as an investment to Gwinnett County; and

26 WHEREAS, Upsilon Alpha Omega has established several scholarships to foster higher  
27 educational attainment with contributions of over \$100,000 in college funding in the  
28 following scholarships: Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship, Debutante Cotillion Scholarship,  
29 Theresa Dove-Waters Scholarship, and McGruder-Smith Undergraduate Scholarship; and

30 WHEREAS, Upsilon Alpha Omega supports historically black colleges and universities  
31 (HBCU) with over 30 HBCU graduates in the chapter and has raised over \$15,000 in support  
32 of Alpha Kappa Alpha's International Target to benefit various *Think HBCU* initiatives; and

33 WHEREAS, this year, Upsilon Alpha Omega will celebrate its 22nd year of community  
34 service and is committed to servicing the Gwinnett County community.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa  
37 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, recognize January 25-31, 2016, as Upsilon Alpha Omega  
38 Week at the state capitol, and encourage the citizens of Gwinnett County to join Upsilon  
39 Alpha Omega in observing the organization's 22 years of service and the outstanding  
40 contributions it has made to the State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
43 members of the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
44 Incorporated.