

House Resolution 246

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2017, as the Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has the distinction of being the first
4 sorority established by African American college women, for African American college
5 women; was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 15, 1908; and
6 has expanded internationally to more than 986 chapters; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia hosts approximately 49 of those chapters which are located on college
8 and university campuses and have alumnae groups in communities throughout the state; and

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

12 WHEREAS, alumnae chapters encourage their members to become involved community
13 volunteers and advocates, and their primary service components include educational
14 enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership, and global
15 impact; and

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17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Day at the state capitol is an international program
18 in which members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority meet with their legislators to address
19 issues that are pertinent to strengthening families and communities; and

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21 WHEREAS, South Atlantic Region Director, Mrs. Sharon Brown-Harriott, and Georgia
22 Connection Chairperson, Mrs. Karen Bennett, at the direction of Alpha Kappa Alpha
23 Sorority, Inc., International President Mrs. Dorothy Buckhanan-Wilson and International
24 Connection Chairperson Ms. Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts have convened this delegation for

25 the purpose of civic engagement, community involvement, and purposeful A.C.T.I.O.N.
26 (Advocate, Communicate, Train, Influence, Organize, and Network).

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize February 20, 2017, as Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Day at
29 the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the Honorable Karen
32 Bennett, the Honorable Carolyn Hugley, the Honorable Dar'shun Kendrick, the Honorable
33 Horacena Tate, and Mrs. Sharon Brown-Harriott.