

Senate Resolution 245

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has expanded to more than 986 chapters
7 worldwide with Georgia serving as host to approximately 49 of those chapters on college and
8 university campuses, as well as numerous active alumnae groups throughout communities
9 around the state; and

10 WHEREAS, alumnae chapters are encouraging their members to become actively involved
11 community volunteers through AKA's Launching New Dimensions of Service project which
12 has five target programs: Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening,
13 Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact; and

14 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Day at the state capitol is an international program
15 developed for members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to meet with their legislators and to
16 discuss issues that are pertinent to fulfilling the AKA service goals; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is committed to community service by actively
18 expanding its community presence through its International Community Impact Days project
19 as well as its signature enrichment program, ASCEND Youth Enrichment Program SM; and

20 WHEREAS, South Atlantic Region Director - Mrs. Sharon Brown Harriott, and Georgia
21 Connection Chairperson - Mrs. Karen Bennett, at the direction of Alpha Kappa Alpha
22 Sorority, Inc., International President - Mrs. Dorothy Buckhanan-Wilson; and International

23 Connection Chairperson - Ms. Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts have convened this delegation for
24 the purpose of civic engagement, community involvement, and purposeful action.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize February 20, 2017, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Alpha Kappa Alpha
29 Sorority, Inc.