

House Resolution 1064

By: Representatives Allen of the 40th, Kendrick of the 93rd, and Carter of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Kennesaw State University Black Alumni Society; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Kennesaw State University Black Alumni Society has the delightful
4 distinction of celebrating its 20th anniversary on February 5, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, the Black Alumni Society was founded on February 5, 2000, by Dr. Shelby
6 Wilkes; and

7 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization is Kennesaw State University's first affinity group
8 and awards scholarships to African American students every year; and

9 WHEREAS, the Black Alumni Society serves as a way for alumni to deepen their connection
10 with the KSU Alumni Association through open meetings, networking events, social media,
11 community service, and professional development; and

12 WHEREAS, the organization serves as a mentor for underrepresented students on campus
13 through speed networking events, an online flash mentoring portal and speakers for campus
14 organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, the Black Alumni Society established the Onyx Reception following the
16 Multicultural Graduation Celebration to celebrate African American graduates; and

17 WHEREAS, Kennesaw State University has been ranked 17th in the nation in bachelor's
18 degrees presented to African Americans in all disciplines by Diverse: Issues in Higher
19 Education; and

20 WHEREAS, currently, the Black Alumni Society is led by Jamila Young, president '09;
21 Matthew Upchurch-Butler, vice president '18; Janna Pruiett, secretary '19; and Ashley Nealy,
22 immediate past president, '10, '11.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend the Kennesaw State University Black
25 Alumni Society for its outstanding contributions to the community and extend best wishes
26 for future success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Kennesaw State University Black Alumni Society.