

House Resolution 513

By: Representative Moore of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Psi Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. was founded on January 15, 1908, by a
4 group of young women at Howard University; and

5 WHEREAS, the membership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. has grown to more than
6 170,000 college women globally, and the organization is now headquartered in Chicago,
7 Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, the residents of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, began setting up the Psi Omega
9 Omega Chapter of the sorority after the city was founded in November 2011 to address a lack
10 of an established presence of other "Divine Nine" organizations in the city; and

11 WHEREAS, Ora B. Douglass was the founder of the AKAs Interested in Peachtree Corners
12 group along with Beverly Barber, Miya Griggs, Apreal Bailey, Doris Gates, Sharon Thomas,
13 Wanda Bonds, Bea White, Lavonda Smith, Crystal Clark, Paulette Bethel, Nicole Thomas,
14 Sylvia Thomas, and Renee Lawrence, who went on to become the chapter organizers; and

15 WHEREAS, in October 2014, the directorate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. approved
16 the creation of the charter of a graduate chapter in the City of Peachtree Corners with 70
17 members; and

18 WHEREAS, since its foundation, the chapter has completed Adopt-A-Mile with Gwinnett
19 Clean & Beautiful; and

20 WHEREAS, the chapter has been a participant in the development of the Peachtree Corners
21 Veteran's Memorial and completed volunteer opportunities with Norcross Co-Op, Gwinnett
22 Home of Hope, Robert D. Fowler YMCA Community Garden, Inspiritus, the Peachtree
23 Corners Festival, and the Christmas in the Corners Parade; and

24 WHEREAS, the chapter has awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors
25 through the Ora B. Douglass Scholarship, offered \$1,100 in donations for winter coats in the
26 community, and donated schools supplies to local Norcross schools; and

27 WHEREAS, the chapter has collaborated with the local Belk, St. Joseph's Hospital
28 Mammography Unit, Gamma Gamma Sigma Chapter of Girl Scouts of America, and
29 Salvation Army Toys for Tots to address important issues like breast cancer awareness and
30 dress for success; and

31 WHEREAS, the chapter has had an active voice in the promotion of historically Black
32 colleges and universities at local high schools and participated in Black History Month
33 activities locally as well as mentorship at Ivy Preparatory Academy; and

34 WHEREAS, the chapter has actively led workshop programs teaching financial literacy and
35 the prevention of conditions like heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend the Psi Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
38 Sorority Inc. for its continued commitment to public service and its work in making the State
39 of Georgia and City of Peachtree Corners better places in which to live.

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