

## House Resolution 364

By: Representatives Jones of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Willis of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter on its 50th  
2 Chartering Anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter was chartered  
4 on January 11, 1975, at Mercer University's Macon campus by 17 trailblazing women  
5 dedicated to sisterhood, scholarship, and service; and

6 WHEREAS, the establishment of this historic chapter at Mercer University marked a  
7 significant milestone in the advancement of diversity, leadership, and community  
8 engagement on campus; and

9 WHEREAS, for five decades, the Iota Eta Chapter has upheld the principles of Alpha Kappa  
10 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, through its commitment to academic excellence, leadership  
11 development, and impactful service initiatives that have enriched both the Mercer University  
12 community and the greater Macon area; and

13 WHEREAS, the contributions of the 17 charter members—Carolyn Chisholm, Berdell Cook,  
14 Juanita Cook, Loretta Grier, Phyllis Hancock, Deborah James, Vanessa James, Cheryle  
15 Johnson, Deborah Johnson, Shirley Jones, Naomi McMillan, Sherron McQueen, Benita

16 Marks, Wynona Sharp, Elvenia Winchester, Gwendolyn Wright, and Lorenia Wright—laid  
17 a strong foundation that continues to inspire generations of young women to lead with  
18 purpose and serve with dedication; and

19 WHEREAS, with 41 current members, the Iota Eta Chapter remains a beacon of sisterhood  
20 and service, fostering an environment that encourages academic achievement, professional  
21 growth, and civic responsibility; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
23 Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter be appropriately honored for its outstanding contributions in  
24 promoting leadership, education, and service throughout its 50-year history.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body honor and congratulate the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
27 Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter on its 50th Chartering Anniversary at Mercer University,  
28 commend its members both past and present for their dedication to service and scholarship,  
29 and extend best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter.