

Senator Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 127.

A resolution declaring March 17, 2010, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Day at the Capitol.

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on January 15, 1908, and has the distinction of being the first sorority in the world established by African-American women; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has a membership of over 250,000 college-educated women and more than 950 chapters worldwide, including the United States, the Caribbean, Canada, Germany, and Korea; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has a rich 102-year history of spearheading programs and activities in response to the contemporary needs of the African-American community; and

Whereas, Barbara A. McKinzie, the 27th international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., implemented an aggressive 2006-2010 program with the theme "The Heart of E.S.P.: An Extraordinary Service Program," which drew upon the strength and commitment of its members to foster entrepreneurship, economic development, economic growth of the African-American family, technology, and health; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., members in Michigan have joined together as sisters and community partners on raising awareness of and advocating on public policy issues that impact their communities; and

Whereas, Michigan Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., are recognized for their impressive record of community achievements, civic contributions, and tireless dedication to improving the quality of life for all mankind; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., members from around this state will convene for AKA Day at the Capitol to encourage its members to become more knowledgeable and engaged in critical issues facing Michigan; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has earned its place among the most respected organizations in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize March 17, 2010, as AKA Day at the Capitol celebrating the contributions of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., International President Barbara A. McKinzie and Great Lakes Regional Director Schylbea Hopkins with our highest esteem.