SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1713

A RESOLUTION recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of scholarship, service and advocacy.

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA), an international service organization, was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C. in 1908; and

WHEREAS, AKA is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, AKA is comprised of more than 355,000 initiated members in graduate and undergraduate chapters located across the globe, including the United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AKA is led by International President and CEO Danette Anthony Reed of Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, AKA is often hailed as "America's premier Greek-letter organization for African American women"; and

WHEREAS, AKA was founded on a mission following five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception. The mission is: To cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards; to promote unity and friendship among college women; to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature; to maintain a progressive interest in college life; and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, The women of AKA enact this mission through service, advocacy, scholarship and action on local, state, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, AKA has five graduate chapters and four undergraduate chapters across the state located at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Washburn University and Wichita State University: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: **That we recognize Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, for their outstanding service to the citizens of our state, our nation and the international community and their promotion of sisterhood, service and advocacy; and**

Be it further resolved: **That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Mu Omega Chapter President Lani Stigler, Alpha Iota Omega Chapter President Dr. Teresa L. Clounch, Beta Kappa Omega Chapter President Regina McCarty, Mu Eta Omega Chapter President Dr. Zelia Z. Wiley, Upsilon Rho Omega Chapter President Janelle Harvey Jordan, AKA Co-Chair Dr. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes and Senator Faust Goudeau.**

Senate Resolution No. 1713 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust Goudeau.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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President of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate.