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Senate Resolution No. 196

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating 109 years of Sisterhood and Service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating 109 years of Sisterhood and Service; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is an international service organization which was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908; these young collegians' commitment to scholarship, leadership, civic engagement and public service, woven together by the bonds of lifelong sisterhood, formed the bedrock of the rich legacy of servant-leadership that epitomizes the sorority to this day; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is comprised of more than 265,000 members in approximately 983 graduate and undergraduate chapters

throughout the United States, Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada and South Africa; it is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American, college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens worldwide and promoting peace, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's membership includes distinguished women who boast excellent academic records, proven leadership skills and a commitment to the global economy through advocacy and service; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has developed innovative service programs which address significant issues in the areas of education, health, family, the arts, technology and economics; these programs are outcome-driven and executed with excellence; and

WHEREAS, After 109 years of steadfast commitment to the community, the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha remains 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 progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the sorority and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication, and successful efforts, it is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating 109 years of Sisterhood and Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.