

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to honor milestone accomplishments in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that on September
6 6, 2002, Linda Marie White of Chicago is being honored as
7 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated's new National
8 President; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. White is the first Chicagoan to lead Alpha
10 Kappa Alpha Sorority since Maudelle Bousfield was elected in
11 1930; and

12 WHEREAS, Linda Marie White was born in Cleveland, Ohio
13 and raised in Chicago, Illinois; she attended Chicago Public
14 Schools, graduated magna cum laude from Clark College with a
15 degree in Political Science, received her master's degree in
16 Political Science from the University of Chicago, and
17 received a certificate in Systems Analysis from Stanford
18 University; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. White is a former Area Director of the
20 Social Security Administration for Northern Ohio, where she
21 managed 29 offices and oversaw a program and operating budget
22 of 9 billion dollars; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. White has received many awards from the
24 Social Security Administration, her church, and the community
25 for her distinguished service; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. White has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
27 Sorority for over 40 years and has served on the local level
28 as President of the Theta Omega Chapter in Chicago and on the
29 national level as the First Vice-President, the International
30 Secretary, the International Protocol Liaison, and a member
31 of many committees; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. White is an active member of St. Mark United
2 Methodist Church, Beatrice Caffey Youth Services, Lake Shore
3 Links, the Society, and the Chicago Region Management
4 Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a sisterhood
6 composed of women who have consciously chosen this
7 affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer
8 services; Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high
9 scholastic and ethical standards, promotes unity and
10 friendship among college women, alleviates problems
11 concerning girls and women, maintains a progressive interest
12 in college life, and serves all mankind through a nucleus of
13 more than 170,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean,
14 Europe, and Africa; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Linda Marie White of Chicago on her
18 appointment as the new National President of Alpha Kappa
19 Alpha Sorority and we wish her well in her new endeavor; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Linda Marie White as an expression of our
23 esteem.