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Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** introduced a resolution ***Recognizing the 113th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*** January 15 marks Founders' Day for the AKAs; Rep. Adams is a member of the Sorority.

[Text of the resolution is available here.](#)

“As co-chair of the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus, I am proud to lead this resolution honoring the oldest historically African American Greek-lettered sorority,” **said Rep. Adams, founder of the HBCU Caucus.** “This year marks an exciting moment for AKAs as we celebrate our soror, Kamala Harris, and her historic inauguration on January 20. I could not be prouder to be a 'pretty girl' in pink and green than I am today, knowing that one of my sisters will be joining President Biden to lead our great nation.”

In addition to Adams and Harris, seven other members of the 117th Congress are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Inc. and co-leaders of the resolution: **Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18); Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30); Terri A. Sewell (AL-07); Lauren Underwood (IL-14); Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12); Nikema Williams (GA-05); and Frederica S. Wilson (FL-24).**

“As the oldest Black Greek sorority in the country, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has effected change in communities across the country for 113 years,” **said Congresswoman Nikema Williams.** “It is an honor to be a member able to recognize such a transformative organization in Congress on its Founders Day. It is the courage of the Founders of Alpha Kappa Alpha that inspires me and so many women every day to keep ‘Exemplifying Excellence.’ I am proud to sponsor this resolution with Rep. Adams.”

“The hope and dreams of the founding women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated were to be of service to all mankind and to uplift women. On this 113th Founder’s Day I’m honored to celebrate our Sorors’ history of excellence and proud to introduce this resolution with my Sisters serving in Congress,” **said Congresswoman Terri Sewell, who presided over the House floor today in honor of AKA.**

“My pride is showing as we celebrate another year of service, scholarship, grace, and faith. We share the same birthday as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What a blessing! 2020 was our year as AKA resonated all over the world. Millions proclaimed the brilliance of HBCUs and its esteemed line of alumni,” **said Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson.** “We elected our soror, Kamala Harris, to be the next vice president of the United States. She broke the proverbial glass ceiling. Now they see us and now they know us. We are Alpha Kappa Alpha and this is only the beginning.”

“As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Black women and Girls, and as a member of the first historically Black Greek-letter organization, this is a tremendous moment,” **said Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman.** “I believe that the founders of our sisterhood could imagine a day like this, with a Black woman and one of their own in the second-highest office in this country, and

it is tremendous to see it and be able to celebrate it myself. For 113 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. has been leading the way and serving our communities, and it is fitting to honor how far this organization and its members have come.”

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County). In 2015, she founded the first bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus in Congress. She is a double graduate of North Carolina A&T, the largest HBCU by enrollment in the United States.

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