



H.Con.Res. 335 – Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 335 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Diane Watson (D-CA) on April 24, 2008. The bill was ordered to be reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure by voice vote on May 15, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 335 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on June 4, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 335 resolves that the House of Representatives (with the Senate concurring):

- Permits the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to sponsor a public event on the Capitol Grounds to celebrate its 100th anniversary on July 17, 2008, or on such other date jointly designated by the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate
- Requires the event to be free of admission charge to the public and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress; and
- Authorizes the sponsor to erect such stage, sound amplification devices and other structures as approved by the Architect of the Capitol.

BACKGROUND

Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) is the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated by African-American college women. The sorority was founded in 1908 in Washington, D.C.

Today, AKA serves a membership of more than 200,000 women in over 975 chapters in the United States and several other countries. Women may join through undergraduate chapters at a college or university, or through a graduate chapter after acquiring a college degree.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that adopting H. Con. Res. 335 would result in “no significant cost to the federal government.”

Please find the CBO Cost Estimate [here](#).

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