

## AKA Day at The Alabama State Capitol



Approximately 175 sorors from throughout the state of Alabama met on May 3, 2007, at the state capitol in Montgomery, AL for the Annual AKA Day at the Alabama State Capitol. We were honored to have Soror Juanita Sims Doty, our Centennial South Eastern Region Director, in attendance. The day long event began with invocation by Soror (Reverend) Mary Jo Smiley and Pledge of Allegiance by Soror Vera Jordan. Soror (Representative) Barbara Boyd and Soror (Senator) Vivian D. Figures provided greetings to sorors. Highlights of the day included the following. The Speaker of the House read a resolution proclaiming AKA Day at the Capitol. Honorable Sue Bell Cobb, Supreme Court of Alabama, Chief Justice, representative presented a presentation on juvenile justice reformation. This initiative is being spearheaded by Honorable Sue Bell Cobb's office. Soror (Representative) Barbara Boyd is actively involved with this initiative.

Rev. Kenneth Glasgow discussed the need for partnership with AKAs for his Prodigal Sons Project. This project focuses on inmates' re-entries to society from the prison system. Additionally, he addressed the need for women to mentor/mother young men to prevent incarceration. Soror Lovelle Buchanan discussed the Enrichment Service Program (ESP) which Iota Mu Omega and Lambda Pi Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., are in partnership with the Calhoun County community. ESP provides support to at-risk students who are participating in sports/extra-curricular activities. This community program includes mentoring, community service, and tutoring. AKA Day at the Capitol Steering Committee included Sorors Gloria Howard; Representative Barbara Boyd; Senator Vivian D. Figures; Mitzi Cole, Melissa McNeil, Autumn Wilson, Danita Rose, Johnny M. Nelson, Alberta Lawson and Alonzetta Sims.