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Dr. Bernice A. King to Deliver Message during
Alpha Kappa Alpha's Ecumenical Service

Chicago, Illinois – June 14, 2011 - Dr. Bernice A. King, internationally renowned orator and motivator, will be the speaker for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Ecumenical Service on Sunday July 17. Dr. King's address represents the culminating activity of the Sorority's Leadership Conference, which takes place in Atlanta July 13-17. Dr. King, the last born daughter of the late Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is -- like her late mother -- a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Dr. King is an ordained minister, lawyer, children's advocate and one of the bearers of the King legacy. She has won acclaim for her powerful, motivating and life-changing oratories and her speech to the Sorority is expected to challenge members with her anthem theme: **RAISE THE STANDARD.**

"We are honored to have Dr. Bernice A. King speak at our Ecumenical Service," declared Carolyn House Stewart, international president – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. "With such a powerful background and ability to deliver such a compelling message, Alpha Kappa Alpha is blessed to have her as a member and as a speaker."

Like Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Dr. King has a passion for Leadership training, Youth development, and Family Empowerment. To that end, she has successfully coordinated women and family conferences as well as nonviolent conflict resolution conferences for college and university students. She also taught a year- long leadership development class at an inner-city church in Atlanta.

For the past four years, she has been mentoring the students at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSYKYWLA), which is a single-gender all-girls school in Atlanta. During the 2007 inauguration of the school, she gave a charge to the sixth grade girls reminding them that they were making history because they were the first chosen to attend this school, and as a result, would be expected to set the trend others would follow. Recently, Dr. King and the students celebrated the culmination of the Be A King™ "100 Days of Nonviolence" campaign, which she launched at the school in January 2011. The program exposed the students to nonviolence as modeled by her parents, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mrs. Coretta Scott King (Kingian Nonviolence). She encouraged the girls to begin embracing Kingian Nonviolence as a way of life and challenged them to bullying, fighting, and negative attitudes by using their tongue in a manner that is positive and uplifting.

Stewart said King's commitment to developing leadership skills from among youth parallels AKA's signature initiative: Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) program. This thrust recognizes that the increasing demands of the twenty-first century mandate our youth to be better leaders at a younger age. Therefore, grasping the importance of

making smart choices with positive consequences the EYL program targets girls in middle school and its goal is to impact the lives of 10,000 girls in grades six through eight by providing leadership development, civic engagement, enhanced academic preparation and character building.

Attorney Stewart noted that Bernice is also working on a health and wellness awareness campaign, which is a major initiative of Alpha Kappa Alpha's current administration.

AKA's international president added that King's global involvement in international peace initiatives matches the Sorority's global service focus.

"In all that Dr. King does, "observed Stewart," she is mindful of carrying out her parents' work and their legacy through her devotion to civil rights, her commitment to service and her sensitivity to bettering the lives of young people."

Stewart added that Dr. King's lifelong commitment to service mirrors Alpha Kappa Alpha's 103-year-old mission: to serve all mankind.

Bernice is a graduate of Spelman College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She received a Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate of Law Degree from Emory University. She also received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Wesley College. She is currently a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

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