Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Int'l President & CEO Charletta W. Jacks Named 2026 LEDI Honoree

Distinguished civic leader, executive, and former Atlanta zoning official will be celebrated at the 11th Annual LEDI Gala alongside fellow 2026 LEDI International Life Changer Honorees.

ATLANTA - Sept. 21, 2026 - *PRLog* -- **Charletta Wilson Jacks**, the 32nd International President and Chief Executive Officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) and long-time public servant, has been selected as a **2026 LEDI International Life Changer Award Honoree**.

Ms. Jacks will be celebrated at the **11th Annual LEDI International Life Changers Awards and Fundraising Gala,** themed **"We Are The Light,"** on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway Hotel in College Park, Georgia. The black-tie event features Co-Chairs Ambassador Andrew J. Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN and civil rights icon, and Virginia W. Harris, National President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.

A transformational strategist celebrating 50 years of AKA membership, Wilson Jacks leads over 390,000 women globally. Her public service includes 21 years with the City of Atlanta, serving as Deputy Director of Government Affairs under Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, managing $650M+ budgets, and as the first African American woman appointed as the City's Zoning Administrator. A recipient of the prestigious Phoenix Award and a citywide Proclamation Day in her honor, Wilson Jacks holds degrees from Howard University and Clark Atlanta University.

"Charletta Wilson Jacks' visionary leadership in municipal government and her historic guidance of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® represent the pinnacle of service," said Virginia W. Harris, Gala Honorary Co-Chair and National President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. "I warmly invite all members of the Divine Nine family to join us by hosting tables and standing in unity to celebrate a leader whose global impact shines as a beacon for us all."

"Mrs. Wilson Jacks' lifetime commitment directly mirrors our mission," said Joan Curran Darkortey, LEDI Co-Founder and CEO. "Her dedication to empowering future generations globally is the very essence of a LEDI International Life Changer."

Wilson Jacks will be honored alongside fellow 2026 honorees:

- **Donna W. Hyland:** Former CEO, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- **Gerald "Gee-Bee" Barclay:** Acclaimed Filmmaker & Documentarian
- **Sean "The Science Kid" Atitsogbe:** Prodigy & STEM Educator

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