

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, upon the celebration of its one

3 hundred eighth anniversary as an organization and recognizes May 5, 2014, as Alpha

4 Phi Alpha Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

5 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded on December 4,

6 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter

7 organization established for African American men; and

8 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has provided voice, insight, inspiration, and direction

9 to African Americans and people of color around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the visionary founders of Alpha Phi Alpha, known as the "Seven

11 Jewels" of the fraternity, were Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene

12 Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and

13 Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

14 WHEREAS, the fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority

15 students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell; and

16 WHEREAS, the founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a

17 firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character,

18 and the uplifting of humanity; and

19 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were developed at other colleges and

20 universities soon after the founding at Cornell; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, has numerous chapters
2 in the state of Louisiana, and its hundreds of chapters worldwide continue the legacy of their
3 predecessors by helping their fellow man, serving their communities, acting as mentors to
4 youth, and carrying on the tradition of one of their members, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by
5 actively discussing civil rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha spearheaded and oversaw the designing and building
7 of a monument in Dr. King's honor, which is the newest memorial on the National Mall in
8 Washington, D.C., the first to honor a non-president, and the first to honor a man of color;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, other notable members of Alpha Phi Alpha include W.E.B. Dubois,
11 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson, William
12 Gray, and Andrew Young; and

13 WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Phi Alpha members from across Louisiana will travel
14 to Baton Rouge in order to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices in the legislature of
15 fourteen past Alpha brothers and those currently serving: Representatives Roy A. Burrell,
16 Wesley T. Bishop, Herbert B. Dixon, Patrick O. Jefferson, and Vincent J. Pierre and
17 Senators Terry R. Brown and Elbert Guillory; and

18 WHEREAS, in recognition of the dedication and commitment exhibited by the
19 members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, May 5, 2014, is Alpha Phi Alpha
20 Day at the Louisiana State Capitol; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day to commend Alpha Phi Alpha
22 Fraternity, Incorporated, for its programs and activities that exemplify the importance of
23 service to all mankind and to recognize the positive impact the fraternity has on the state of
24 Louisiana.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26 commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, upon the celebration of the one hundred
27 eighth anniversary of the organization; does hereby express gratitude to the Alpha Phi Alpha
28 Fraternity, Incorporated, for the service of its members toward promoting safety, health,
29 culture, and education to the people of the state of Louisiana, the nation, and the world; and
30 does hereby recognize May 5, 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the Louisiana District Director, Southwestern Regional Vice President, Executive
3 Director, and General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Commends Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, upon its 108th anniversary and recognizes May 5, 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the La. State Capitol.