

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR BROWN

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates Monday, May 5, 2014, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Louisiana Legislature" and commends Alpha Phi Alpha for one hundred eight years of exemplary leadership.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, May 5, 2014, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the Louisiana Legislature", commend Alpha Phi Alpha for one hundred eight years of exemplary leadership, and urge suitable observance of such day.

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded on December 4, 1906, and celebrates one hundred eight years of existence, recalling its rich history and the important role it plays with distinction in the state of Louisiana and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country; and

WHEREAS, the visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

WHEREAS, the "Jewel" founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in

1 laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of manly deeds, scholarship, and  
2 love for all mankind; and

3 WHEREAS, the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is to develop leaders,  
4 promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for  
5 our communities; and

6 WHEREAS, while Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., continues to stress academic  
7 excellence among its members, Alpha Phi Alpha also recognizes the need to help correct the  
8 educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has long stood in the forefront of the  
10 African American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as  
11 W. E. B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King Jr.,  
12 Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, T.J. Jemison,  
13 Ernest "Dutch" Morial, and many others; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., engages in programs and activities to  
19 strengthen the community such as "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" voter  
20 registration campaign, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, "Go to High School,  
21 Go to College", and Project Alpha, a cooperative effort with the March of Dimes; and

22 WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Phi Alpha members from across Louisiana will travel  
23 to Baton Rouge in order to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices in the legislature of  
24 fourteen past Alpha brothers and those currently serving: Senators Troy Brown and  
25 Elbert L. Guillory and Representatives Wesley T. Bishop, Roy A. Burrell, Herbert B. Dixon,  
26 Patrick O. Jefferson, and Vincent J. Pierre; and

27 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will forever hold high its lofty ideals  
28 and aims to be "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All".

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 designate Monday, May 5, 2014, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the Louisiana Legislature".

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alpha Phi Alpha is hereby commended for one  
2           hundred eight years of exemplary leadership, and observance of this day with appropriate  
3           recognition to the Louisiana District of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in recognition  
4           of its contributions to the goals of the national organization.

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Alpha  
6           Phi Alpha's Louisiana District Director, Southwestern Regional Vice President, Executive  
7           Director, and General President and that a copy be filed at the General Headquarters of  
8           Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Baltimore, Maryland.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

Brown

SCR No. 101

Designates Monday, May 5, 2014, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the Louisiana Legislature"  
and commends Alpha Phi Alpha for 108 years of exemplary leadership.