

1 WHEREAS, members of Alpha Phi Alpha have stood at the forefront of the civil
2 rights movement and have supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans
3 and people of color around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has accepted men of all races since 1945, and the
5 fraternity's motto is: "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha programs and charitable activities include the
7 "Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College" campaign, "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People"
8 voter registration campaign, Project Alpha, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., National
9 Memorial project; and

10 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has numerous chapters in the state of Louisiana, and
11 the members of its hundreds of chapters worldwide continue the legacy of their predecessors
12 by helping their fellow man, serving their communities, and acting as mentors to youth and
13 by carrying on the tradition of one of their own, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by actively
14 discussing civil rights; and

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

18 WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Phi Alpha members from across the state will assemble
19 in Baton Rouge in order to celebrate the contributions to the legislature of eighteen past
20 Alpha brothers and those currently serving: Senator Wesley T. Bishop and Representatives
21 Ken Brass, Patrick O. Jefferson, and Vincent J. Pierre; and

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

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, on celebrating its upcoming one
28 hundred twelve years of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of
29 humanity and does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at
30 the state capitol.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the Louisiana district director, Southwestern Regional vice president, executive director,
3 and general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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