

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
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HR 1018

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5 By: Representative Murdock

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 COMMENDING ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR OVER
9 ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 COMMENDING ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY,
14 INC. FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OF
15 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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17 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is the first and oldest
18 intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans;
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21 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906, on
22 the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven (7) students
23 who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African
24 descendants in this country; and

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26 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded by visionaries, known
27 as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, including Henry Arthur Callis, Charles
28 Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison
29 Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

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31 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity initially served as a study and
32 support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both
33 educationally and socially; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity
36 succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of



1 scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

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3 WHEREAS, chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity developed at other
4 colleges and universities; and

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6 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to proliferate, spanning
7 the globe with 800 chapters and 160,000 members located throughout the United
8 States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia; and

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10 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to stress academic
11 excellence among its members and recognizes the educational, economic,
12 political, and social challenges faced by African-Americans nationally and
13 internationally; and

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15 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity participates in Project Alpha, Go
16 To High School, Go To College, Boy Scouts of America, and A Voteless People
17 Is A Hopeless People programs in response to those challenges; and

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19 WHEREAS, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity includes Senator
20 Jerry Jewell, Representative William H. Townsend, the Reverend Dr. Martin
21 Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Dick Gregory, Thurgood
22 Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., T. E. Patterson, Duke Ellington, Jesse
23 Owens, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Kimbrough; and

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25 WHEREAS, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the statewide
26 network of Arkansas Alphas recognize and include among its membership the
27 current Southwestern Region Vice-President, Roderick L. Smothers, PhD; the
28 current District Director, John L. Colbert; Regional Executive Director,
29 Maurice D. Gipson; Representative Tracy Steele; Senator Jack Crumbly;
30 Representative Reginald Murdock; former Representative Earnest Brown;
31 Representative Tommy Baker; former Senator Bill Lewellen; former
32 Representative Jimmie Wilson; former Representative Booker Clemmons; former
33 Representative John Lewellen; Marcas Emanuel Banks; Curtis Sykes; Ozell
34 Sutton; John L. Colbert; Larry Ross; Lamar Davis; Sherman Tate; Calvin Trice;
35 Reginald Jackson; John Talley; Rodney Williams; J.J. Lacey; Lacy Kennedy, IV;
36 and A.C. Johnson; and

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2 WHEREAS, since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha
3 Fraternity has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans
4 and people of color around the world; and
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6 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, under the leadership of 32nd
7 General President, Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., convened for the Centennial
8 Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C., July 25 through July 30, 2006,
9 where members gathered to commemorate and celebrate the fraternity's
10 tremendous legacy of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind,
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 THAT the House of Representatives acknowledge the members of Alpha Phi
17 Alpha on providing over one hundred years of outstanding service and
18 leadership to their communities.
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk
21 of the House of Representatives shall provide a copy to Roderick L. Smothers,
22 PhD, Southwestern Region Vice-President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
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