

## House Resolution 153

By: Representatives Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Crawford of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 16, 2023, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity  
4 established for African American men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New  
5 York, on December 4, 1906, by Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene  
6 Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and  
7 Vertner Woodson Tandy; known as the "Jewels," these men recognized the need for a strong  
8 bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country; and

9 WHEREAS, for 116 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has been a beacon of light to  
10 the community by staying true to its aims of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all  
11 mankind; and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has a membership of more than 70,000 college  
13 educated men inducted into over 700 college and alumni chapters in the United States,  
14 Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean; and

15 WHEREAS, this esteemed fraternity continues to live out its mission of developing leaders,  
16 promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, and providing service and advocacy for our  
17 communities, as evidenced by its contributing more than \$2.5 million in academic  
18 scholarships and volunteering over one million community service hours; and

19 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has produced renowned members from  
20 Georgia, including Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young,  
21 Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. Louis Sullivan, John Hope, Congressman  
22 David Scott, and State Representative Teddy Reese, Esq.; and

23 WHEREAS, the 16th Annual "Alpha Day at the Capitol" convenes under the leadership of  
24 Georgia District Director Sherman M. Lofton Jr. and Assistant District Director Anthony  
25 Washington, representing 42 chapters across the State of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
27 extraordinary fraternity be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of  
30 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District in their commitment to making our  
31 communities a better place, as well as recognize February 16, 2023, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day  
32 at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Alpha  
35 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the public, and the press.