

## House Resolution 2129

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>, James of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Everson of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Eta Lambda Chapter; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by the Seven Jewels (Henry  
4 Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley,  
5 Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy) on December  
6 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the first intercollegiate fraternity  
8 established for African-Americans and the Eta Lambda graduate chapter was established in  
9 1921; and

10 WHEREAS, the Jewels laid a firm foundation for the principles of scholarship, fellowship,  
11 good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha college and graduate chapters have worked diligently and tirelessly to  
13 help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices facing  
14 African-Americans through their many programs, such as "Go-to-High-School,"  
15 "Go-to-College," voter registration and voter rights campaigns, Alpha Head Start Male  
16 Initiative, Project Alpha, Leadership Academy, mentoring, building affordable housing,  
17 scholarships, and many other community service projects; and

18 WHEREAS, the Eta Lambda Chapter has provided outstanding leadership in national  
19 programs and has become a model chapter in living up to the fraternity's goals of Manly  
20 Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind; and

21 WHEREAS, numerous brothers in the fraternity have been outstanding national leaders in  
22 the struggle to achieve civil rights in America, such as Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B.  
23 DuBois, Congressman William Gray, Mayor Maynard Jackson, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

1 Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and  
2 Ambassador Andrew Young; and

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2006 and Eta Lambda  
4 its 86th year.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha and the Eta Lambda Chapter for their  
7 outstanding contributions to this nation.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to National President Daryl  
10 Matthews and Eta Lambda Chapter President Ronald Natson.