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House Resolution 2073

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Howard of the 121st, Stephens of the 161st, and Jordan of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Alpha Chi Lambda and the Eta Alpha Chapters of Alpha
- 2 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter
- 4 fraternity for African Americans and was founded in Ithaca, New York, by Henry Arthur
- 5 Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel
- 6 Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, known as the "Jewels,"
- 7 who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this
- 8 country; and
- 9 WHEREAS, with a membership of over 80,000 college educated men, Alpha Phi Alpha
- 10 Fraternity has members in over 700 college and alumni chapters throughout the United
- 11 States, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean who understand that their greatest usefulness lies
- 12 outside of themselves by leading the fight for human rights and dignity and by working to
- 13 aid and uplift the downtrodden; and
- 14 WHEREAS, for 103 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been a beacon of light to the
- 15 community by staying true to its aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all
- 16 Mankind through such programs as Go to High School, Go to College; A Voteless People
- 17 is a Hopeless People; Project Alpha; and Alpha Head Start Male Initiative Program; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter was founded on April 25, 1935, and the Eta
- 19 Alpha Chapter was founded on April 4, 1970, with both chapters making a difference in the
- 20 Central Savannah River Area through their various community service endeavors such as
- 21 awarding scholarships and sponsoring the Reverend Dr. King Unity Breakfast; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Alpha Chi Lambda can count among its membership such notable Augustans
- as John M. Tutt, A. C. Griggs, former Mayor Edward McIntyre, former Commissioners Lee
- 24 Beard and Henry Brigham, Phil Waring, Dr. Mac A. Bowman, Richmond County

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25 Superintendent Dr. Dana Bedden, and Director of Athletics George Bailey, countless elected

- 26 officials, educators, pastors, judges, directors, entrepreneurs, and many others; and
- 27 WHEREAS, the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter is home to past Southern Region and 6th
- 28 Georgia District Director Chester A. Wheeler III, 10th Georgia District Director Ellis
- 29 Albright, former National Life membership chairman Bert Thomas, and Area 8 Director
- 30 Augustus C. Thurmond; and
- 31 WHEREAS, current and former fraternity officials of the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter and
- 32 the Eta Alpha Chapter located at Paine/Augusta State will celebrate their 15th and 40th
- anniversaries on May 1, 2010; and
- 34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of these fine
- 35 organizations and their numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
- 36 recognized.
- 37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 38 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Chapters of
- 39 Alpha Chi Lambda and Eta Alpha for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the
- 40 State of Georgia.
- 41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 42 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Alpha Chi Lambda and
- 43 Eta Alpha Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.