

House Resolution 276

By: Representatives Everson of the 106th, James of the 135th, Stephens of the 161st, and Jordan of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and
2 inviting the Georgia District Director and representatives of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,
3 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by the seven young men: Henry
5 Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley,
6 Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, affectionately
7 known as the "Seven Jewels," on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New
8 York, who laid a firm foundation for the principles of scholarship, fellowship, good
9 character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

10 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha college and graduate chapters have worked diligently and
11 tirelessly to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices facing
12 African Americans through various programs and endeavors such as "Go-to-High-School,
13 Go-to-College," A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Project Alpha, Alpha Head Start
14 Fatherhood Initiative, Leadership Academies, mentoring, affordable housing programs,
15 scholarships, and many other community service projects; and

16 WHEREAS, the chapters of the Georgia District, under the leadership of its 11th District
17 Director Ronald M. Natson, Sr., have provided outstanding leadership in their communities
18 through the implementation of the fraternity's national programs and special projects and
19 have uplifted their communities by living up to the fraternity's goals of Manly Deeds,
20 Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind; and

21 WHEREAS, numerous members have called the State of Georgia home, most notably Rev.
22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Maynard Jackson, Ambassador Andrew Young, Georgia
23 Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham, Congressman David Scott, and among the numerous
24 members who have been outstanding national leaders in the struggle to achieve civil rights
25 in America are Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Congressman William Gray,

26 Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, and United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood
27 Marshall.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia
30 District Chapters for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the State of Georgia,
31 and proclaim February 19, 2009, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Capitol."

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia District Director and representatives of
33 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., are invited to appear before the House of Representatives
34 on a day and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia District Director
37 and the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.