

House Resolution 254

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

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 be recognized by 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 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 24, 2011, is recognized as Alpha Phi Alpha
32 Day at the state capitol.

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

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