

## House Resolution 285

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters, inviting  
2 the Georgia District Director and representatives of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., to be  
3 recognized by the House of Representatives, and recognizing February 21, 2013, as Alpha  
4 Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, numerous members have called the State of Georgia home, most notably  
23 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Maynard Jackson, Ambassador Andrew  
24 Young, Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham, and Congressman David Scott, and  
25 among the numerous members who have been outstanding national leaders in the struggle

26 to achieve civil rights in America are Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,  
27 Congressman William Gray, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, and United States  
28 Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia  
31 District Chapters for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the State of Georgia,  
32 invite them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated  
33 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and recognize February 21, 2013, as Alpha  
34 Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.

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.