

## Senate Resolution 839

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and  
2 recognizing February 20, 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by 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 12th District  
17 Director Ellis B. Albright, 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  
22 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Maynard Jackson, Ambassador Andrew  
23 Young, Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham, and Congressman David Scott, and  
24 among the numerous members who have been outstanding national leaders in the struggle  
25 to achieve civil rights in America are Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters for their  
30 outstanding contributions to this nation and the State of Georgia and recognize February 20,  
31 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia District Director and the  
34 Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.