

House Resolution 1414

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Morgan of the 39th, Hugley of the 136th, Randall of the 142nd, and others

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, Dropout to Prison workshops, mentoring,
15 affordable housing programs, 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 and 21st Assistant District Director Corenza D. Morris, have
18 provided outstanding leadership in their communities through the implementation of the
19 fraternity's national programs and special projects and have uplifted their communities by
20 living up to the fraternity's goals of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind;
21 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 and recognize February 20, 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.

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