

Senate Resolution 173

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 10th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and
2 recognizing February 19, 2015, 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; 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 WHEREAS, numerous members were outstanding national leaders in the struggle to achieve
25 civil rights in America, such as Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Congressman
26 William Gray, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, and United States Supreme Court Justice
27 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 19,
31 2015, 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 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia District
34 Director and the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha
35 Fraternity, Inc.