

House Resolution 1483

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, and Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and
2 recognizing February 18, 2016, 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 13th district
17 director, Benny Hand, and 22nd assistant district director, DiArron B. Morrison, 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 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 and recognize February 18, 2016, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Georgia District Director and the Co-chairpersons of the Political Action Committee of
35 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.