

House Resolution 1129

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Stephens of the 165th, Mitchell of the 88th, Boddie of the 62nd, Hugley of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and
2 recognizing February 15, 2018, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity
5 established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, on
6 December 4, 1906, by Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones,
7 George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson
8 Tandy, known as the "Jewels," who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood
9 among African descendants in this country; and

10 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for 111 years has been a beacon of light to the
11 community by staying true to its aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all
12 Mankind; and

13 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has produced over 200,000 members since
14 their founding in 1906, and currently over 80,000 college-educated living members that were
15 inducted into 706 college and alumni chapters, in the United States, Europe, Asia, and the
16 Caribbean; and

17 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., continues to make a difference in our society
18 through their fraternity's national programs of civic outreach initiatives accumulating over
19 850,000 hours of community service, produced \$2.3 million in scholarships, and has
20 registered thousands of American citizens to participate in the voting process; and

21 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. bestowed on Georgia's own Eta Lambda
22 Chapter, seated in Atlanta, the prestigious "Outstanding Alumni Chapter of the Year" award
23 during its 94th General Convention in July 2017, the highest award given to an alumni
24 chapter by the organization that is demonstrating excellence through the national programs

25 such as, Brother's Keeper, A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Go-to-High-School and
26 Go-to-College, and Project Alpha; and

27 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has produced renowned Georgia members such
28 as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Mayor Maynard H.
29 Jackson, W.E.B. Du Bois, Dr. Louis Sullivan, John Hope, Dr. Joseph Lowery, and Georgia
30 State Representatives Mickey Stephens and Derrick Jackson; and

31 WHEREAS, the 11th Annual "Alpha Day at the Capitol" convenes under the leadership of
32 Georgia District Director Benny G. Hand and Assistant District Director, Enow Ayuk,
33 representing 42 chapters around the State of Georgia.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia
36 District Chapters for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the State of Georgia
37 and recognize February 15, 2018, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 Georgia District Director and the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha
41 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.