

## House Resolution 380

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and  
2 recognizing February 21, 2013, 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 11th District  
17 Director Ronald M. Natson, Sr., 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 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 21, 2013, 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 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia District Director  
34 and the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.