

House Resolution 242

By: Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Reese of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2025, as Alpha Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

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

8 WHEREAS, for 118 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has been a beacon of light to
9 the community by staying true to its aims of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all
10 mankind; and

11 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has a membership of more than 70,000
12 college-educated men inducted into over 700 college and alumni chapters in the United
13 States, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean; and

14 WHEREAS, this esteemed fraternity continues to live out its mission of developing leaders,
15 promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, and providing service and advocacy for our

16 communities by contributing more than \$2.3 million in educational scholarships and
17 volunteering 850,000 community service hours; and

18 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., counts many renowned Georgians as
19 members, including Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Mayor
20 Maynard H. Jackson, Senator Raphael Warnock, Congressman David Scott, W.E.B. Dubois,
21 Dr. Louis Sullivan, Actor Omari Hardwick, John Hope, and newly elected State Senator
22 RaShaun Kemp; and

23 WHEREAS, the 18th Annual "Alpha Day at the Capitol" convenes under the leadership of
24 Georgia District Director James Ford II, Assistant District Director Mark Nooks Jr., and
25 Political Action Committee Chairman Aaron Johnson, representing 42 chapters across the
26 state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of
29 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District in their commitment to making our
30 communities a better place as well as recognize February 20, 2025, as Alpha Day at the
31 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 Alpha
34 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the public, and the press.