

Senate Resolution 690

By: Senators Kemp of the 38th, Howard of the 35th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 43rd, Dixon of the 45th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2026, 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 119 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, State Senator RaShaun Kemp, and
22 State Senator Jaha Howard; and

23 WHEREAS, the 19th 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 SENATE that the members of this body
28 urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
29 Inc., and the Georgia District in their commitment to making our communities a better place
30 as well as recognize February 19, 2026, as Alpha Day at the Capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Alpha Phi Alpha
33 Fraternity, Inc., the public, and the press.