

House Resolution 279

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Stephens of the 165th, Smyre of the 135th, Boddie of the 62nd, Hugley of the 136th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2019, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

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

9 WHEREAS, for 112 years, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has been a beacon of light to
10 the community by staying true to its aims of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all
11 mankind; and

12 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has a membership of more than 80,000 college
13 educated men inducted into over 700 college and alumni chapters in the United States,
14 Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean; and

15 WHEREAS, this esteemed fraternity continues to live out its mission of developing leaders,
16 promoting brotherhood and academic excellence, and providing service and advocacy for our
17 communities, as evidenced by its contributing more than \$2.3 million in academic
18 scholarships and volunteering 850,000 community service hours; and

19 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has produced renowned members from
20 Georgia, including Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young,
21 Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. Louis Sullivan, John Hope, and Georgia
22 State Representatives Mickey Stephens and Derrick Jackson; and

23 WHEREAS, the 12th Annual "Alpha Day at the Capitol" convenes under the leadership of
24 Georgia District Director Benny G. Hand and Assistant District Director Aaron Jones, Jr.,
25 representing 42 chapters around the State of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
27 extraordinary fraternity be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of
30 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District in their commitment to making our
31 communities a better place, and recognize February 21, 2019, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the
32 state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Alpha
35 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the public, and the press.