

## House Resolution 1141

By: Representatives Jackson of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, and Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2024, 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 117 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 70,000 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., counts many renowned Georgians as  
20 members, including Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Mayor  
21 Maynard H. Jackson, Senator Raphael Warnock, Congressman David Scott, W.E.B. Dubois,  
22 Dr. Louis Sullivan, Actor Omari Hardwick, John Hope, Georgia State Representatives  
23 Derrick Jackson and Tremaine "Teddy" Reese, and former Representative Edward "Mickey"  
24 Stephens; and

25 WHEREAS, the 17th Annual Alpha Day at the Capitol convenes under the leadership of  
26 Georgia District Director James Ford II, Assistant District Director Rev. Anthony Mitchell,  
27 and Political Action Committee Chairman Aaron Johnson, representing 42 chapters across  
28 the state; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of  
33 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District in their commitment to making our  
34 communities a better place as well as recognize February 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day  
35 at the state capitol.

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