

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Day at the state
3 capitol.

4 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., to
5 commend the upcoming occasion of the organization's one hundred-eighteenth anniversary,
6 and to designate April 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Day at the state capitol; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded on December 4, 1906,
8 by seven students at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and the organization holds the
9 distinction as the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for African American
10 men; and

11 WHEREAS, the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha is to develop leaders and promote
12 brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for its
13 surrounding communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha initially served as a study and support group for
15 minority students who faced racial prejudice at Cornell University, and throughout its
16 history, members of the fraternity have recognized the need to help correct the educational,
17 economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, members of Alpha Phi Alpha have stood at the forefront of the civil
19 rights movement and have supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans
20 and people of color around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has accepted men of all races since 1945 in the spirit
2 of the fraternity's motto: "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"; and

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha programs and charitable activities include the
4 "Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College" campaign, "A Voiceless People is a Hopeless People"
5 voter registration campaign, Project Alpha, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., National
6 Memorial project; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has numerous chapters in the state of Louisiana, and
8 the members of its hundreds of chapters worldwide continue the legacy of their predecessors
9 by helping their fellow man, serving their communities, and acting as mentors to youth and
10 by carrying on the tradition of one of their own, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by actively
11 discussing civil rights; and

12 WHEREAS, other notable members of Alpha Phi Alpha include W.E.B. Dubois,
13 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson, William
14 Gray, and Andrew Young; and

15 WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Phi Alpha members from across the state will assemble
16 in Baton Rouge in order to celebrate the contributions to the legislature of eighteen past
17 Alpha brothers and those currently serving: Representatives Ken Brass, Travis Johnson, and
18 Adrian Fisher; and

19 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated,
20 for its programs and activities, which exemplify the importance of service to all mankind,
21 and to recognize the positive impact the fraternity continues to have on Louisiana.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha
24 Fraternity, Incorporated, Day at the state capitol and does hereby extend sincerest wishes
25 that the organization and its members continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

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