

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON, BRASS, AND FISHER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 16, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, April 16, 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 16, 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 Tuesday, April 16, 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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