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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., upon the celebration of its $109^{\rm th}$ anniversary

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, upon the celebration of its one
3	hundred ninth anniversary as an organization and designate Tuesday, May 19, 2015,
4	as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol.
5	WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded on December
6	4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter
7	organization established for African Americans; and
8	WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has provided voice, insight, inspiration, and direction
9	to African Americans and people of color around the world; and
10	WHEREAS, the visionary founders of Alpha Phi Alpha, known as the "Seven
11	Jewels" of the fraternity, were Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene
12	Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and
13	Vertner Woodson Tandy; and
14	WHEREAS, the fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority
15	students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell; and
16	WHEREAS, the founders and early leaders of the fraternity succeeded in laying a
17	firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character,
18	and the uplifting of humanity; and
19	WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were developed at other colleges and
20	universities soon after the founding at Cornell; and

1	WHEREAS, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, has numerous chapters
2	in the state of Louisiana, and its hundreds of chapters worldwide continue the legacy of their
3	predecessors by helping their fellow man, serving their communities, acting as mentors to
4	youth, and carrying on the tradition of one of their members, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by
5	actively discussing civil rights; and
6	WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha spearheaded and oversaw the designing and building
7	of a monument in Dr. King's honor, which is the newest memorial on the National Mall in
8	Washington, D.C., the first to honor a nonpresident, and the first to honor a man of color;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, other notable members of Alpha Phi Alpha include W.E.B. Dubois,
11	Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson, William
12	Gray, and Andrew Young; and
13	WHEREAS, this year, Alpha Phi Alpha members from across Louisiana will travel
14	to Baton Rouge to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices in the legislature of fifteen past
15	Alpha brothers and those currently serving: Representatives Roy A. Burrell, Wesley T.
16	Bishop, Patrick O. Jefferson, and Vincent J. Pierre and Senators Troy R. Brown and Elbert
17	Guillory; and
18	WHEREAS, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, desire to
19	place on record their love and esteem for their fallen brothers who faithfully served the
20	citizens of the state of Louisiana in the Legislature and have now entered into the Omega
21	(deceased) Chapter; these brothers include Ernest "Dutch" Morial, Nick Connor, Charles
22	"Doc" Hudson, Henry "Hank" Braden, and most recently, Alphonse Jackson, Jr.; and
23	WHEREAS, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, is designated as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the
24	state capitol in honor of the dedication and commitment exhibited by the members of this
25	outstanding fraternity; and
26	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a day to commend Alpha Phi Alpha
27	Fraternity, Incorporated, for its programs and activities that exemplify the importance of
28	service to all mankind and to recognize the positive impact the fraternity has on the state of
29	Louisiana.

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1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 2 commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, upon the celebration of the one hundred 3 ninth anniversary of the organization; does hereby express gratitude to Alpha Phi Alpha 4 Fraternity, Incorporated, for the service of its members in promoting safety, health, culture, 5 and education for the people of the state of Louisiana, the nation, and the world; and does 6 hereby designate Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 8 to the Louisiana district director, southwestern regional vice president, executive director,

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and general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

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