

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.

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,
9 and general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Commends Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., upon the celebration of its 109th anniversary and designates May 19, 2015, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the capitol.