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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is the first and oldest
intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans;
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WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded on December 4,
1906, on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by students
who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African
descendants in this country; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by visionaries,
known as the "jewels" of the fraternity, including Henry Arthur Callis,
Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel
Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., initially served as a study
and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice both



1 educationally and socially; and

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3 WHEREAS, the Jewel founders and early leaders of Alpha Phi Alpha
4 Fraternity, Inc., succeeded in laying a firm foundation for the fraternity's
5 principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of
6 humanity; and

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8 WHEREAS, chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., have served
9 communities and campuses throughout Arkansas since 1926; and

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11 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., continues to proliferate,
12 spanning the globe with nearly eight hundred (800) chapters and two hundred
13 thousand (200,000) members located throughout the United States, Canada,
14 various Caribbean islands, Africa, the West Indies, Europe, and Asia; and

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16 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., continues to stress academic
17 excellence among its members and recognizes the educational, economic,
18 political, and social challenges faced by African Americans nationally and
19 internationally; and

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21 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., participates in Project
22 Alpha, Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College, Scouting America, and A Voteless
23 People is a Hopeless People programs in response to those challenges; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., motto is "First of All,
26 Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All"; and

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28 WHEREAS, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., include many
29 legendary civil rights leaders such as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King,
30 Jr., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People founder
31 W.E.B. DuBois, civic leader John Mack, Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, and
32 Reverend C.T. Vivian; and

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34 WHEREAS, the national legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,
35 includes musician and actor Paul Robeson, actor and comedian Dick Gregory,
36 Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, United States Congressman Adam

1 Clayton Powell, Jr., political scientist T.E. Patterson, jazz musician Duke
2 Ellington, Olympian Jesse Owens, and National Urban League President Marc
3 Morial; and
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5 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was directly responsible for
6 the conception, funding, and construction of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther
7 King, Jr., Memorial next to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and
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9 WHEREAS, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and its
10 statewide network of Arkansas Alphas includes among its membership the
11 former President of AT&T Arkansas Ronnie Dedman, Chancellor of the University
12 of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Laurence B. Alexander, Ph.D., former Superintendent
13 of the Fayetteville School District Dr. John Colbert, former Mayor of Forrest
14 City Cedric Williams, Mayor of Little Rock Frank D. Scott, Jr., Senator
15 Reginald Murdock, Representative Jay Richardson, Representative Tracy Steele,
16 former Representative John W. Walker, former Representative Monte Hodges,
17 former Senator Jack Crumbly, former Representative Earnest Brown, former
18 Representative Tommy Baker, former Representative Booker T. Clemmons, former
19 Representative John Lewellen, former Representative William H. Townsend, and
20 former Senator Jerry Jewell; and
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22 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., under the leadership of its
23 General President Brother Lucien J. Metellus, Jr., is focused on addressing
24 the fraternity's past, current, and future role in shaping policy that
25 impacts its communities,
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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT the House of Representatives commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
32 Inc., for one hundred eighteen (118) years of outstanding service and
33 leadership in its communities.
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
36 provided to Jermaine O. Netherly, Southwestern Region Vice President of Alpha

1 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Terence T. Cox, Arkansas District Director,
2 by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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