

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10501-LG-714 (05/16)**

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Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Bell, and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA  
2 FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED.

3       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is the first and oldest intercollegiate  
4 Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans; and

5       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906, on  
6 the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven students who  
7 recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this  
8 country; and

9       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded by visionaries, known as  
10 the "Jewels" of the Fraternity and included Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry  
11 Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray,  
12 Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

13       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity initially served as a study and support  
14 group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially;  
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16       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was incorporated on January 29, 1908;  
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18       Whereas, the Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in  
19 laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship,  
20 good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

21       Whereas, chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, developed at  
22 other colleges and universities; and

23       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, continues to proliferate,  
24 spanning the globe with 800 chapters and 160,000 members located throughout the  
25 United States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia; and

26       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, continues to stress  
27 academic excellence among its members and recognizes the educational, economic,

1 political, and social challenges faced by African-Americans nationally and  
2 internationally; and

3       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, participates in Project  
4 Alpha, Go To High School, Go To College, and A Voteless People Is A Hopeless  
5 People programs in response to those challenges; and

6       Whereas, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity includes the Reverend Dr.  
7 Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Dick Gregory, Thurgood  
8 Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey,  
9 Duke Ellington, and Jesse Owens; and

10       Whereas, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Association of  
11 North Carolina Alphas recognize and include among its membership, the current  
12 Southern Region Vice-President, Everett B. Ward, the current District Director, Craig F.  
13 Reed, John Hope Franklin, Julius L. Chambers, Arthur J. Howard Clement III, Dan  
14 Blue, and Gus Witherspoon; and

15       Whereas, since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha  
16 Fraternity, Incorporated, has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of  
17 African-Americans and people of color around the world; and

18       Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, under the leadership of  
19 32<sup>nd</sup> General President, Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., will convene for the Centennial  
20 Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C., July 25 through July 30, 2006, where  
21 members will gather to commemorate and celebrate the fraternity's tremendous legacy  
22 of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; Now, therefore,  
23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

24       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Henry Arthur  
25 Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley,  
26 Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

27       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly acknowledges the members of Alpha  
28 Phi Alpha, Incorporated, on providing 100 years of outstanding service and leadership  
29 to their communities.

30       **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
31 resolution to the President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

32       **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.