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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize and honor the upcoming 103rd
4 anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
5 Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter
6 fraternity established for African-Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on
8 December 4, 1906, by seven young men, respectfully known as the
9 Seven Jewels, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

10 WHEREAS, Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman,
11 Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison
12 Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, the
13 founders of the Fraternity, recognized the need for a strong
14 bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The aims of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity are
17 manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; and

18 WHEREAS, For nearly 103 years, the Alpha Phi Alpha
19 Fraternity has played a fundamental role in the positive
20 development of the character and education of more than 175,000
21 men; and

1 WHEREAS, The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha have shared
2 countless friendships and a common belief in the founding
3 ideals of the fraternity; and

4 WHEREAS, Alumni from Alpha Phi Alpha include many
5 noteworthy leaders in the areas of government, business,
6 entertainment, science, and higher education; and

7 WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has 350 college
8 campus chapters and 350 alumni chapters in the United States of
9 America, the District of Columbia, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean,
10 and Europe; the Theta Chapter (1910) and the Xi Lambda Chapter
11 (1924), both of Chicago, were the first college and alumni
12 chapters, respectively, in the State of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to enrich
14 the lives of its members, who, in turn, carry out in their
15 communities a commitment to service and the uplifting of
16 humanity; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 recognize and honor the upcoming 103rd anniversary of the
20 founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we commend all Alpha Phi Alpha brothers,
2 past and present, for their bond of friendship, common ideals
3 and beliefs, and service to community; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we express our best wishes for the Alpha Phi
5 Alpha Fraternity's continued success and growth; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That December 4, 2009 is officially proclaimed as
8 Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the Great State of Illinois; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
11 delivered to the Illinois District Director of Alpha Phi Alpha
12 Fraternity, Incorporated, the Assistant Illinois District
13 Director of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and the
14 Presidents of the 29 College and Alumni Chapters of Alpha Phi
15 Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated of the Great District of
16 Illinois.