

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2274

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

Referred to: Pursuant to Rule 32(a), Placed on Calendar of May 23, 2006.

May 22, 2006

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,
28 political, and social challenges faced by African-Americans nationally and
29 internationally; and

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

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

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

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

16 Whereas, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, under the leadership of
17 32nd General President, Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., will convene for the Centennial
18 Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C., July 25 through July 30, 2006, where
19 members will gather to commemorate and celebrate the fraternity's tremendous legacy
20 of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind; Now, therefore,
21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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

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

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

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