

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity are
2 gathering at the State Capitol on March 2, 2015, and this is a
3 fitting opportunity to celebrate the fraternity's exceptional
4 legacy of civic engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, Established at Cornell University on December 4,
6 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter
7 fraternity established by African Americans; founded by seven men
8 who came to be known as the "Jewels" of the organization, Alpha Phi
9 Alpha initially served as a study and support group for minority
10 students who were struggling against racial prejudice; these early
11 leaders laid the foundation for the fraternity's principles of
12 scholarship, fellowship, character, and the uplifting of humanity;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In the years that followed, Alpha Phi Alpha chapters
15 were formed at other colleges across the nation; while the
16 fraternity placed a strong emphasis on the academic excellence of
17 its members, it also expanded its focus to address the educational,
18 economic, political, and social injustices faced by African
19 Americans and people of color around the world; over the decades,
20 many former Alpha Phi Alpha members have stood at the forefront of
21 the fight for civil rights, including W. E. B. Du Bois, Paul
22 Robeson, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Adam
23 Clayton Powell Jr., Edward Brooke, Andrew Young, and William Gray;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha has been an interracial group since
2 1945 and now encompasses chapters in five U.S. regions; the
3 fraternity has an especially rich history in the Lone Star State,
4 which has been home to three of the organization's general
5 presidents; in addition, a number of prominent Texas leaders are
6 Alpha Phi Alpha alumni, including several members of the Texas
7 House of Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Alpha Phi Alpha has worked
9 to foster a brotherhood of concerned citizens who devote themselves
10 to the greater good, and its members may indeed reflect with pride
11 on their organization's noteworthy tradition of activism and
12 achievement; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2015, as Alpha Phi Alpha
15 Fraternity Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
16 members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the fraternity as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.

Reynolds
Turner of Harris
Miles
Deshotel

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farias	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miles	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 760

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 760 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House