

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 4, 2025, providing a fitting
3 opportunity to celebrate the fraternity's exceptional legacy of
4 civic engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, Launched at Cornell University on December 4, 1906,
6 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 across the United States; 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, and a number of prominent Texas leaders are Alpha Phi
6 Alpha alumni; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2025, as Alpha Phi Alpha
14 Fraternity Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
15 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the
16 future; and, be it further

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

Reynolds
Jones of Dallas

Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 248

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 248 was adopted by the House on March 4, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House