

By: Representative Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.,
2 UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 72ND ANNIVERSARY SOUTHERN REGION
3 CONVENTION.

4 WHEREAS, the Southern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
5 Inc., representing over 8,000 members will convene for its 72nd
6 Annual Southern Region Convention on March 6-9, 2003, in Jackson,
7 Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is the first
9 intercollegiate Greek letter fraternal organization established
10 for African Americans and has a rich history of commitment to the
11 community through its national programs and special projects
12 outreach activities; and

13 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has several
14 national programs including the "Go to High School, Go to College"
15 program which concentrates on the importance of completing
16 secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement; the
17 "Project Alpha" program which is a collaborative effort between
18 the March of Dimes Foundation and the fraternity that was
19 developed to increase the knowledge of African American males
20 about the consequences of teenage pregnancy from the male
21 perspective; and "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People" program
22 which has recently focused on political awareness and empowerment;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has several
25 special projects such as participation in Alpha Head Start, Big
26 Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America and Leadership
27 Training Institute; and



28 WHEREAS, since its founding on December 4, 1906, at Cornell
29 University, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has more than
30 100,000 members that have been initiated into the fraternity; and

31 WHEREAS, the objectives of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.,
32 are to stimulate the ambition of its members to prepare them for
33 the greatest usefulness in the cause of humanity, freedom and
34 dignity of the individual; to encourage the highest and noblest
35 form of manhood; and to aid downtrodden humanity in its efforts to
36 achieve higher social, economic and intellectual status; and

37 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is international
38 in its scope and location, with local chapters in more than 700
39 colleges and communities throughout the world including the United
40 States, District of Columbia, Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000, a host of politicians, media
43 representatives and Alpha men joined in the dedication ceremony of
44 the site for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in Washington,
45 D.C.; and

46 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has long had a
47 strong and influential presence in the State of Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
49 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence
50 especially when evidenced by an organization such as Alpha Phi
51 Alpha Fraternity, Inc., which has made endless contributions to
52 many community service programs and projects:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 commend and congratulate Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for its
56 72nd Annual Southern Region Convention on March 6-9, 2003, in
57 Jackson, Mississippi.

