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2 86th General Assembly
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5 By: Senator Steele
6 By: Representative T. Baker

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR
11 ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OF
16 COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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19 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is the first and oldest
20 intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans;
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23 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906, on
24 the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven (7) students
25 who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African
26 descendants in this country; and

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28 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded by visionaries, known
29 as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity and included Henry Arthur Callis, Charles
30 Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison
31 Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy; and

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33 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity initially served as a study and
34 support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both
35 educationally and socially; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity
2 succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of
3 scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and
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5 WHEREAS, chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity developed at other
6 colleges and universities; and
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8 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to proliferate, spanning
9 the globe with 800 chapters and 160,000 members located throughout the United
10 States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia; and
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12 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity continues to stress academic
13 excellence among its members and recognizes the educational, economic,
14 political, and social challenges faced by African-Americans nationally and
15 internationally; and
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17 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity participates in Project Alpha, Go
18 To High School, Go To College, Boy Scouts of America, and A Voteless People
19 Is A Hopeless People programs in response to those challenges; and
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21 WHEREAS, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity includes Senator
22 Jerry Jewell, Representative William H. Townsend, the Reverend Dr. Martin
23 Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Dick Gregory, Thurgood
24 Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., T. E. Patterson, Duke Ellington, and
25 Jesse Owens, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Kimbrough; and
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27 WHEREAS, the legacy of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the statewide
28 network of Arkansas Alphas recognize and include among its membership the
29 current Southwestern Region Vice-President, Arthur McDade; the current
30 District Director, Marq Golden; Regional Executive Director, Charles King;
31 Senator Tracy Steele; Senator Jack Crumbly; Representative Earnest Brown;
32 Representative Tommy Baker; former Senator Bill Lewellen; former
33 Representative Jimmie Wilson; former Representative Booker Clemmons; former
34 Representative John Lewellen; Curtis Sykes; Ozell Sutton; John L. Colbert;
35 Larry Ross; Lamar Davis; Sherman Tate; Calvin Trice; Reginald Jackson; John
36 Tally; Rodney Williams; J.J. Lacey; Lacy Kennedy, IV; and A.C. Johnson; and

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

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, under the leadership of 32nd General President, Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., convened for the Centennial Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C., July 25 through July 30, 2006, where members gathered to commemorate and celebrate the fraternity's tremendous legacy of manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate and the House of Representatives acknowledge the members of Alpha Phi Alpha on providing 100 years of outstanding service and leadership to their communities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the Senate shall provide a copy to Arthur McDade, Southwestern Region Vice-President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.