

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and to recognize them for their legacy and impact in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was chartered on October 15, 1924;

WHEREAS, the Historic Kappa House received the designation of National Historic Landmark in 1985 by the US Department of Interior, is a visiting station along the tourism trail, and has been memorialized as the hub for the gathering of black social life during segregation;

WHEREAS, members of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, through their WKAY 100 and in partnership with the D.C. Superior Court Juvenile Division, have served as mentors to 100 of the District's male youth between the ages of 8 and 17 who have been abused and neglected and who entered into the court system;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter believes in the value of our youth and the necessity to encourage their academic success, and adopted Maury Elementary School;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund Inc. is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising money and providing student college scholarship for Washington, D.C. Public and Charter High School seniors;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund (KSEF) was established in 1984 and registered in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, through its Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund awarded approximately \$3 million in college scholarships to seven 700

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high school graduating seniors since 1984, enabling these students to pursue their dreams of higher education;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, Historic Restoration Foundation was established in 1985;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, Historic Restoration Foundation is a tax exempt (501)(c)(3) organization with the sole purpose of preserving the house as a national landmark;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter sponsors award winning Guide Right and Kappa League Programs in which youth between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age are mentor, and coached in a yearlong leadership enrichment, career and college preparation program;

WHEREAS, members of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter participated in the nurturing and development of the city youth, as members of the historic Roving Leaders;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter has always been intimately involved in the improvement of its community and the residents therein with its myriad of community service programs and activities, support of DC Voter Participation Drive, Annual School Supplies and Annual Community Holiday Drives;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter believes in fostering and enhancing the wellbeing of the District's seasoned citizens and its senior members, it provides educational resources and programs regarding resources available to this population;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter unites men of culture, patriotism, and honor and provides invaluable support and mentorship to students at Georgetown, George Washington, Catholic, Howard, and the University of the District of Columbia, enabling these students to become successful academically, professionally, with strong leadership skills;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter includes among its membership notables such as Dr. Paul Phillips Cooke, historian, educator, and past president of the University of the District of Columbia (Federal City College, Minors Teachers College); Judge William "Turk" Thompson; Julian Dugas, city administrator, civil rights attorney; Dr. William Henry "Stud" Greene, physician, philanthropist; Vincent E Reed; Andrew Jenkins, Former Superintendent of Schools; Mayor Adrian M. Fenty; Kwame R. Brown, D.C. Council Chairman, member of City Council – at-large; Frank D. Reeves; School Board members Thomas Kelly, Kevin P. Cheavous, Terry W. Hairston; and Brandon T. Todd, D.C. Council Member – Ward 4;

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WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia declares October 15, 2019 as the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Day; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the manifold contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia, the entire area on 'S' Street between New Hampshire Avenue and Seventeenth Street, N. W., be renamed the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Way.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, This resolution may be cited as the "95th Anniversary of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and congratulates the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. on their 95th Anniversary and on its legacy of Achievement.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.