

House Resolution 271

By: Representatives Jones of the 91st, Prince of the 127th, and Boddie of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
- 2 Inc., on the grand occasion of its ninety-fifth anniversary; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, having served continuously in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area, the Southeastern
- 4 Province (Region), and the State of Georgia since February 22, 1924, the Atlanta Alumni
- 5 Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., celebrates its ninety-fifth anniversary; and

- 6 WHEREAS, the charter members were Dr. Hamilton M. Holmes, a prominent physician,
- 7 Polemarch, Dr. A. B. Cooper, a well-respected dentist, Vice Polemarch, James E. Stamps,
- 8 J. R. Pinkett, Byron H. Gentry, and G. E. Wilson along with Undergraduate Brothers Graham
- 9 and Owens from Delta and Xi chapters; and

- 10 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter has had in its chapter two Laurel Wreath Wearers
- 11 (highest fraternity honor) in Civil Rights Trailblazer, Donald L. Hollowell and Coca-Cola
- 12 Executive Vice President, Carl Ware, along with Five Elder Watson Diggs Honorees (second
- 13 highest fraternity honor) in J.A. Lockett, Sterling Dover, W. Kenneth Jackson, Sr., Judge
- 14 Mark A. Scott, and Melvin T. Solomon; and

- 15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter has had two Guy L. Grant Awardees (highest
- 16 undergraduate honor) in Reginald R. Jackson, M.D., and Steven Pritchett, J.D., as well as a
- 17 Byron K. Armstrong Awardee (scholastic achievement), Kevin Sigler; and

- 18 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter has Five Past Province Polemarch as members of
- 19 its chapter in Melvin T. Solomon, W. Kenneth Jackson, Sr., Judge Mark A. Scott, Dr. Stanley
- 20 Pritchett, Sr., and James Freeman; and

- 21 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter has numerous other Province and local awardees
- 22 with distinction as indicated by the former Mayor of Atlanta, Kasim Reed; Superior Court
- 23 Judge Marvin Arrington; first African American pediatric surgeon in the United States, Dr.

24 James Densler; first African American state trooper in Georgia, Robert Hightower; and the
25 first African American polygraph examiner in DeKalb County, Georgia, James Freeman; and

26 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Alumni Chapter promotes a style of intellectual and aesthetic
27 evaluation for its members. Rooted in a genuine concern for human development, the Atlanta
28 Alumni gestalt exhorts its members to also stretch themselves in all directions while holding
29 fast to a sustaining principle of achievement which is their fundamental purpose. Atlanta
30 Alumni members have excelled in almost every field of human endeavor to include, but not
31 be limited to, medicine, politics, military, education, law enforcement, legal, government,
32 ministry, insurance, sports, and other private entrepreneurship; and

33 WHEREAS, although the Atlanta Alumni Chapter stretches itself in many directions
34 annually, it sees the backdrop for its success, working tirelessly in an effort to perpetuate
35 Kappas' brand; enhancing the effectiveness of the Kappa League Program; providing
36 scholarships to students; building a strong financial infrastructure and legacy; building strong
37 long-term relationships with corporate partners and community service organizations;
38 seeking new ways to reclaim more Brothers while increasing membership; rebuilding
39 undergraduate chapters and developing stronger relationships with university leadership; and
40 increasing public relations and marketing efforts.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend and recognize the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa
43 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the grand occasion of its ninety-fifth anniversary.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.