## 2016 Regular Session

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

## BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

# SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Thursday, March 31, 2016, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Day at the state capitol

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize March 31, 2016, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Day.
3	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is celebrating a milestone of
4	eighty years of achievement in the Southwestern Province; and
5	WHEREAS, the Southwestern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
6	fashioned four Grand Polemarchs: Richard B. Millspaugh, the seventeenth Grand
7	Polemarch; Elbert E. Allen, the twenty-first Grand Polemarch; Dwayne M. Murray, the
8	thirty-first Grand Polemarch; and William "Randy" Bates Jr., the thirty-second Grand
9	Polemarch; amongst other noble achievements by noble men; and
10	WHEREAS, regarding Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity men, "Achievement" is what they
11	do, "Commitment" is who they are, and "Fidelity" is how they live; and
12	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity, now comprised of functioning
13	undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country,
14	is the crystallization of a dream; and
15	WHEREAS, the establishment of the fraternity is the beautiful realization of a vision
16	shared commonly by the late revered founders that enabled them in the school year 1910-
17	1911, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University
18	at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and
19	now enjoyed by college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion, or national
20	origin; and

1	WHEREAS, the constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is
2	predicated upon and dedicated to the principles of achievement through a truly democratic
3	fraternity; and
4	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was originally chartered and incorporated
5	under the laws of the state of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911; and
6	WHEREAS, the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi by a resolution offered and
7	adopted at the Grand Chapter in December 1914 which became effective April 15, 1915; and
8	WHEREAS, the name acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol and Kappa Alpha
9	Psi thereby became a Greek letter fraternity in every sense of the designation; and
10	WHEREAS, from its inception, every endeavor was directed toward establishing the
11	fraternity upon a strong foundation before embarking on plans of expansion; and
12	WHEREAS, by the end of the first year the then Grand Polemarch, Elder Watson
13	Diggs, working together with original Grand Board of Director member, B. K. Armstrong,
14	had completed the ritual and commenced work on the coat of arms, which was completed
15	the following summer; and
16	WHEREAS, in having adopted a mutually suitable motto, Grand Polemarch Diggs
17	and Grand Board of Director members B. K. Armstrong and John M. Lee carried a sketch
18	of the coat of arms to a commercial engraver, from which he made the first metal plate
19	"Kappa Alpha Psi"; and
20	WHEREAS, for years, in order to safeguard the ritualistic secrets of the fraternity,
21	Grand Polemarch Diggs laboriously typed and bound the rituals; and
22	WHEREAS, it was not until he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he met an old
23	German printer in whom he had confidence that he entrusted the esoteric materials of the
24	fraternity to a commercial printer; and
25	WHEREAS, in the spring of 1912 Grand Polemarch Diggs wrote in a little blue
26	examination book the first Kappa Alpha Psi constitution, which was adopted in 1920; and
27	WHEREAS, this edition of the first constitution remained in use until 1926 when it
28	was supplanted by the codified edition jointly written by Elder Watson Diggs, J. Ernest
29	Wilkins, and W. Ellis Stewart; and
30	WHEREAS, in 1957 the constitution again underwent a major revision; and

1	WHEREAS, now substantially established and provided with a constitution, ritual,
2	coat of arms, motto, and guiding hand in a dynamic Grand Chapter, the fraternity was ready
3	for expansion; and
4	WHEREAS, in the summer of 1912 Grand Polemarch Diggs visited the University
5	of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, president of the old "Illini
6	Club"; and
7	WHEREAS, this club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois chapter,
8	the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913; and
9	WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter was established on December 29, 1913, followed by
10	the establishment of Delta Chapter at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914; and
11	WHEREAS, the latter was subsequently changed to the Gamma Chapter, and the
12	designation of Delta was assigned to the Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce,
13	Ohio; and
14	WHEREAS, Epsilon Chapter, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania was established on
15	December 4, 1915 as the first chapter in the East; and
16	WHEREAS, except for the years of World War I and World War II when several
17	Grand Chapter meetings were suspended, Kappa Alpha Psi embarked upon an era of
18	expansion and growth and prevailed with unabating impetus; and
19	WHEREAS, to date, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is organizationally and
20	administratively mature; and
21	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity steadily moves towards a tomorrow of
22	promise, productivity, and influence.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize March 31, 2016, as Kappa Alpha Psi
25	Fraternity, Incorporated Day.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27	to the Southwestern Province Council of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

### DIGEST

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