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2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR CARTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes April 25, 2018, as "Kappa Day at the Kapitol".

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize April 25, 2018, as "Kappa Day at the Kapitol".
3	WHEREAS, regarding Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity men, "Achievement" is what they
4	do, "Commitment" is who they are, and "Fidelity" is how they live; and
5	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity, now comprised of functioning
6	undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country,
7	is the crystallization of a dream; and
8	WHEREAS, the establishment of the fraternity is the beautiful realization of a vision
9	shared commonly by the late revered founders that enabled them in the school year
10	1910-1911, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana
11	University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is
12	available to, and now enjoyed by college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion,
13	or national origin; and
14	WHEREAS, the constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is
15	predicated upon and dedicated to the principles of achievement through a truly democratic
16	fraternity; and
17	WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was originally chartered and incorporated
18	under the laws of the state of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911; and

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

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of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, President of the old "Illini
Club"; and
WHEREAS, this club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois chapter,
the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913; and
WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter was established on December 29, 1913, followed by
the establishment of Delta Chapter at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914; and
WHEREAS, the latter was subsequently changed to the Gamma Chapter, and the
designation of Delta was assigned to the Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce,
Ohio; and
WHEREAS, Epsilon Chapter, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania was established on
December 4, 1915, as the first chapter in the East; and
WHEREAS, except for the years of World War I and World War II when several
Grand Chapter meetings were suspended, Kappa Alpha Psi embarked upon an era of
expansion and growth and prevailed with unabating impetus; and
WHEREAS, to date, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is organizationally and
administratively mature; and
WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity steadily moves toward a tomorrow of
promise, productivity, and influence.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby recognize April 25, 2018, as "Kappa Day at the Kapitol".
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
Southwestern Providence Council of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.
DIGEST

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