

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

1 of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, President of the old "Illini  
2 Club"; and

3 WHEREAS, this club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois chapter,  
4 the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913; and

5 WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter was established on December 29, 1913, followed by  
6 the establishment of Delta Chapter at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914; and

7 WHEREAS, the latter was subsequently changed to the Gamma Chapter, and the  
8 designation of Delta was assigned to the Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce,  
9 Ohio; and

10 WHEREAS, Epsilon Chapter, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania was established on  
11 December 4, 1915, as the first chapter in the East; and

12 WHEREAS, except for the years of World War I and World War II when several  
13 Grand Chapter meetings were suspended, Kappa Alpha Psi embarked upon an era of  
14 expansion and growth and prevailed with unabating impetus; and

15 WHEREAS, to date, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is organizationally and  
16 administratively mature; and

17 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity steadily moves toward a tomorrow of  
18 promise, productivity, and influence.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
20 recognize April 25, 2018, as "Kappa Day at the Kapitol".

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 Southwestern Providence Council of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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