

HOUSE RESOLUTION 101

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the fifty-sixth Founders Day of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those worthy fraternal organizations that are dedicated to developing men of integrity, intellect, success, and high moral character and to fostering a truly lifelong fraternal experience; and

WHEREAS, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (PIKE) was founded at the University of Virginia on March 1, 1868, and since that fateful day has developed into an international brotherhood and become one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, Pi Kappa Alpha is composed of more than 280,000 lifetime members, 16,000 undergraduate members, 220 chapters, and 150 alumni associations in North America; during the last ten years, membership has grown by fifty-one percent, and PIKE maintains the largest average chapter size among North American fraternities; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2016, PIKE raised over \$4.5 million for charitable purposes and its brothers contributed more than 600,000 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation provides funding to PIKE chapters for academic scholarships, chapter house facilities, and scholarships to PIKE University, North America's premier fraternal leadership program; and

WHEREAS, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was founded at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UT-Martin) on December 9, 1961, and thus the garnet and gold Pikes of Martin are celebrating their chapter's fifty-sixth anniversary this year on Founders Day; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty-five years, the brothers of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter have sponsored the Craig Long Memorial PIKE Fights as a philanthropy event to support the Weakley County Reading Railroad and other community programs, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at UT-M are richly deserving of this body's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join in commemorating the fifty-sixth Founders Day of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the University of Tennessee at Martin and wish these fine young men all the best as they work to make their chapter a paragon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.