

SENATE RESOLUTION 107

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Brentwood (TN) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

WHEREAS, there was an alarm at the gate in 2004 when a significant amount of active and inactive Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity members began migrating to Williamson, Maury, South Davidson, and Northwest Rutherford counties; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, a number of Fortune 500 companies and major financial institutions relocated to Williamson County, mainly in the Brentwood and Cool Springs area; with these migration factors in mind, Brother Michael Russell and former Polemarch Dewayne Collier began brainstorming the possibility of establishing a new chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the first unofficial meeting was held at the home of Brother Vincent Abernathy in Nolensville, Tennessee, as six brothers gathered together to watch the 2010 NCAA championship, share fellowship, and brainstorm about chartering the Brentwood Alumni Chapter; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2010, the realization of a dream came true as the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was established, marking the transition into Second Century Kappas. There was also a shift from a progressive to an aggressive attitude about brotherhood, reclamation, community service, history, and protocol; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the chapter's first Polemarch, Dewayne Collier, and current Polemarch, Jeff Wilson, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter used an aggressive strategy to become the second largest chapter in the Middle Tennessee area. It has moved swiftly out of First Century Social Kappa, into Second Century Social Kappa; and

WHEREAS, every chapter event has a significant business and community service purpose, as it is the Chapter's belief that doing for others is doing for Kappa; and

WHEREAS, the new Chapter attracted affluent members in great numbers due to its location in an area thriving with opportunities; the Chapter members come from a diverse number of undergraduate and alumni chapters within Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., thus giving it a special appeal seen by very few alumni members; and

WHEREAS, Brentwood Alumni Chapter members have been recognized for professional achievements in their chosen vocations, ranging across legal, medical, financial, educational, and entrepreneurial fields. Such membership diversity and impressive professional accomplishments have helped to attract young undergraduate members; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Brentwood Alumni Chapter are as follows: to indoctrinate and instruct brothers in brotherhood, reclamation, community service, history, and protocol; to unite in a fraternal bond college men of culture, vision, and honor who possess a high degree of commitment to serving mankind; to encourage through fraternal brotherhood honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; to mentor young men through the chapter's Guide Right program providing leadership, scholarship, career options, and other necessities to students; to sponsor community service to support local schools, youth, and charitable service to low-income residents and seniors; and to promote the social, intellectual, and moral welfare of brothers and service in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter is known as the "Rock," Reclamation of Committed Kappas. The Chapter has committed itself to bringing Brothers back to Kappa and to promote the fraternity's initiative of "ONE KAPPA"; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter's Guide Right program adopted New Hope Academy School, the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin, and Ravenwood High School as partners in this most important initiative for the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous organization's Kappa League is designed for young men in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades who show academic potential and a desire for leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter provides mentoring and financial support for the Alpha Theta, Alpha Delta, and Eta Gamma Chapters. It also supports all Middle Tennessee undergraduate chapters by providing free transportation to all C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference and Province Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was also instrumental in the reinstatement of the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter also participates in events that fulfill the Grand Chapter's goals, including St. Jude Sunday of Hope, KAPPA CHOIR, the Pepsi Refresh Project, Piney Woods, Kappa on the Hill, Student of the Year, Kappa Foundation, KAPPAC, United Way of Williamson County (Heart to Heart Breakfast), Warm Hearts and Full Tummy, Mercy Children Clinic Christmas Party, Diamond Explosion, and Kappa Cocktails; and

WHEREAS, outreach to Brothers not currently affiliated with a chapter is done through the Brentwood Alumni Chapter's sponsorship of "Hooping with the NUPES" and Kappa Kardio; and

WHEREAS, to support the community's underserved citizens, the Brentwood Leadership Foundation of the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was chartered as a 501(c)(3) corporation; the foundation awards scholarships currently valued at over \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, in the four years since being chartered, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was named 2011 Medium Chapter of the Year, 2012 Large Chapter of the Year, and South Central Province of the Year for Reclamation; and

WHEREAS, Membership Orientation Intake Program (MOIP) Chairman Trevor L. Jones and MOIP Assistant Chairman Marcus Hampton, along with Brothers of the Brentwood Alumni Chapter, are responsible for aiding and assisting in the 2014 Spring line, "Grea8ness," who includes Eric Walters, "THE MatriKs," Larry Flowers, "BroadKast," Justin Lee, "Redemption," Lelann Evans, "Braveheart," Justin Ford, "Bloodline," Jeff Flowers, "THE Professional," Jarrett Wilson, "THE Untouchable," and Vernon Shaw, Jr., "THE ApoKalypse"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and recognize the Brentwood

Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and extend to them our best wishes for every success in its future endeavors.

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