

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated,
3 on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
5 Incorporated, was chartered in 1936 as the first Louisiana-based alumni chapter of the
6 fraternity; the chapter was established by a group of accomplished professional men who
7 were committed to the guiding principle of achievement in every field of human endeavor;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter quickly became a cornerstone of
10 Kappa Alpha Psi in the United States Gulf South and brought together educators, physicians,
11 ministers, attorneys, and business leaders who sought to extend the fraternity beyond college
12 campuses and into the broader civic life of New Orleans; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter played a pivotal role in the expansion
14 of Kappa Alpha Psi throughout Louisiana and the Southwestern Province; chapter members
15 supported the establishment and development of several undergraduate and alumni chapters,
16 which strengthened the reach of the fraternity in the New Orleans metropolitan area and
17 beyond; the chapter also built close relationships with historically Black institutions in the
18 city, including Dillard University and Xavier University of Louisiana, which allowed it to
19 mentor generations of young men and support undergraduate chapters at those institutions;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter grew in both membership and
2 influence throughout the mid-twentieth century, and members served in prominent
3 leadership roles within the Southwestern Province and at the national level of the fraternity;
4 the chapter hosted major provincial gatherings, including the Southwestern Province Council
5 meetings in 1950, 1962, 1971, and 1980; the events reinforced the status of New Orleans as
6 an important center for the fraternity and its activities; and

7 WHEREAS, one of the most significant milestones in the history of the New Orleans
8 Alumni Chapter occurred in 1976, when it hosted the Sixtieth Grand Chapter Meeting of
9 Kappa Alpha Psi; the national conclave brought more than one thousand six hundred
10 delegates from across the country and set a new attendance record for the fraternity; the
11 leadership of Polemarch Eddie J. Triggs and Convention Chairman Herbert Jackson allowed
12 the chapter to organize one of the most memorable national gatherings of the fraternity; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter hosted the Sixty-Fourth Southwestern
14 Province Council in 2000 and the Seventy-Sixth Southwestern Province Council in 2012;
15 these events reinforced the organizational strength of the chapter and its ongoing
16 commitment to supporting the growth and governance of the fraternity; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter has been recognized on numerous
18 occasions for its outstanding service and leadership; it was named Alumni Chapter of the
19 Year at the Twenty-Ninth Grand Chapter Meeting in 1939; chapter members have received
20 numerous provincial and national honors, including lifetime achievement recognitions and
21 distinguished service awards; and

22 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter remains committed to service in the
23 New Orleans community; members have contributed to educational initiatives, youth
24 mentorship, civic leadership, and community development efforts across the city; the chapter
25 has also worked to support the development of future leaders by offering scholarships, youth
26 programs, and partnerships with local institutions; and

27 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter hosted the Eighty-Second Grand
28 Chapter Meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi in 2015; the chapter was recognized as the
29 Southwestern Province Chapter of the Year in 2017, and in 2026, it was presented with the
30 Alumni Social Media Award; and

1 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
2 Incorporated, remains one of the most historic and influential chapters in the Southwestern
3 Province, and its members are deserving of recognition for upholding their commitment to
4 achievement, brotherhood, and service.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa
7 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, on the occasion of its ninetieth anniversary and does
8 hereby extend sincere wishes that the chapter and its members continue to prosper in all of
9 their endeavors.

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