

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 25, 2018, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 25, 2018, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Day  
3 at the state capitol.

4 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, is celebrating eighty-two  
5 years of achievement in the Southwestern Province; and

6 WHEREAS, the Southwestern Province has fashioned four Grand Polemarchs:  
7 Richard B. Millspaugh, the seventeenth Grand Polemarch; Elbert E. Allen, the twenty-first  
8 Grand Polemarch; Dwayne M. Murray, the thirty-first Grand Polemarch; and William  
9 "Randy" Bates, Jr., the thirty-second Grand Polemarch; and

10 WHEREAS, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, are bound by the  
11 creed that states "achievement" is what they do, "commitment" is what they practice, and  
12 "fidelity" is how they live; and

13 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, is comprised of  
14 undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the fraternity was established on January 5, 1911, on the campus of  
17 Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, and its establishment effectively planted the  
18 seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is now available to college men everywhere, regardless  
19 of color, religion, or national origin; and

20 WHEREAS, the constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, is  
21 dedicated to the principles of achievement and democratic governance; and

1           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was originally chartered and incorporated  
2 as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911, and the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi by a  
3 resolution offered and adopted at the Grand Chapter Meeting in December 1914, which  
4 became effective April 15, 1915; and

5           WHEREAS, from its inception, every endeavor of the fraternity was directed toward  
6 establishing a strong foundation before embarking on plans of expansion; and

7           WHEREAS, by the end of the first year Grand Polemarch Elder Watson Diggs,  
8 working with original Grand Board of Directors member, B.K. Armstrong, commenced work  
9 on the coat of arms, which was completed the following summer; and

10          WHEREAS, having adopted a suitable motto, fraternity members carried a sketch  
11 of the coat of arms to a commercial engraver, from which the first metal plate was made; and

12          WHEREAS, for years, in order to safeguard the secrets of the fraternity, Grand  
13 Polemarch Diggs laboriously typed and bound the rituals of the fraternity; and

14          WHEREAS, in the spring of 1912, Grand Polemarch Diggs wrote in a little blue  
15 examination book the first Kappa Alpha Psi constitution, which was adopted in 1920; and

16          WHEREAS, this edition of the first constitution remained in use until 1926, when  
17 it was supplanted by the codified edition jointly written by Elder Watson Diggs, J. Ernest  
18 Wilkins, and W. Ellis Stewart, which was used until 1957, when it again underwent a major  
19 revision; and

20          WHEREAS, once the fraternity had a constitution, ritual, coat of arms, motto, and  
21 position of influence in a dynamic Grand Chapter, it was ready for further expansion; and

22          WHEREAS, in the summer of 1912, Grand Polemarch Diggs visited the University  
23 of Illinois at Urbana, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, president of the Old "Illini Club",  
24 which constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois chapter, the Beta, which was  
25 chartered on February 8, 1913; and

26          WHEREAS, except for the years of World War I and World War II, during which  
27 several Grand Chapter meetings were suspended, Kappa Alpha Psi embarked upon an era  
28 of expansion and growth; and

1           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, is now organizationally and  
2 administratively mature, and the fraternity steadily moves towards a tomorrow of promise,  
3 productivity, and influence.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 25, 2018, as Kappa Alpha  
6 Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Day at the state capitol.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
8 to the Southwestern Province Council of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

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