

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, New Orleans Alumni Chapter members were key figures in the establishment of numerous Kappa Alpha Psi undergraduate chapters, including the Beta Gamma Chapter at Dillard University, the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Southern University and

A&M College, the Alpha Mu Chapter at Lincoln University of Missouri, the Beta Upsilon Chapter at Texas Southern University, and the Theta Eta Chapter at Florida State University; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter hosted the Eighty-Second Grand Chapter Meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi in 2015; the chapter was recognized as the

Southwestern Province Chapter of the Year in 2017, and in 2026, it was presented with the Alumni Social Media Award; and

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES