

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR CARTER

SENATE. Recognizes Kappa Alpha Psi New Orleans Alumni Chapter upon the occasion of its 80th anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi upon the occasion of its  
3 eightieth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana  
5 University and the Kappa Alpha Psi New Orleans Alumni Chapter was chartered on May  
6 12, 1936, at Dillard University; and

7 WHEREAS, early in the twentieth century, African-American students were often  
8 actively dissuaded from attending college and many campuses established substantial  
9 obstacles to prevent the few who did enroll from taking an active part in extracurricular  
10 campus life; and

11 WHEREAS, the exclusion experienced at Indiana University led eleven  
12 African-American undergraduates to found a fraternal organization that would afford those  
13 so often ostracized an opportunity to fully experience campus life beyond the classroom; and

14 WHEREAS, the vision of these young men to establish an organization to provide  
15 the entire collegiate experience has developed into a national fraternal organization that  
16 remains strong nationwide and continues to focus on its original purpose of achievement in  
17 every human endeavor more than a century after its founding; and

18 WHEREAS, KAΨ moved from this single chapter in 1911 to a national fraternal

1 organization available to and enjoyed by college men and alumni throughout the country  
2 regardless of their color, religion or national origin; and

3 WHEREAS, KAΨ members are proud that the constitution of this organization has  
4 never contained any clause that seeks to exclude or that suggests the exclusion of young men  
5 on any discriminatory basis; and

6 WHEREAS, in an oak-lined area of New Orleans known as Gentilly, the New  
7 Orleans Alumni chapter of KAΨ, the first graduate chapter in Louisiana, came into being  
8 in 1936 on the campus of Dillard University; and

9 WHEREAS, the charter members of this KAΨ alumni chapter included two  
10 physicians, two dentists, the principal of Southern University Training School, the dean of  
11 Dillard University, a journalist and history professor, a pharmacist, a recent graduate of  
12 Dillard and a senior at Dillard; and

13 WHEREAS, with achievement in every human endeavor as their fraternity's goal,  
14 the New Orleans Alumni chapter of KAΨ celebrates and recognizes achievement annually,  
15 honoring brothers, including community leaders, who embody the spirit of achievement; and

16 WHEREAS, the KAΨ chapter in New Orleans is included in the fraternity's  
17 Southwestern Province, one of twelve nationwide, and it includes Arkansas, Southern  
18 Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi has maintained a history of community involvement  
20 and service at the local, regional and provincial levels; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity has  
22 spent the last eighty years promoting, encouraging and recognizing the achievements of its  
23 brothers in all areas of human endeavor and today moves toward a tomorrow of promise,  
24 productivity, and influence.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby commend the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity on  
27 the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
29 president of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter of KAΨ, Brother John A. Brown Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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