

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR CARTER

SENATE. Recognizes March 30, 2016, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize March 30, 2016, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Day.

3 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is celebrating a milestone of
4 eighty years of achievement in the Southwestern Province; and

5 WHEREAS, the Southwestern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
6 fashioned four Grand Polemarchs: Richard B. Millspaugh, the seventeenth Grand
7 Polemarch; Elbert E. Allen, the twenty-first Grand Polemarch; Dwayne M. Murray, the
8 thirty-first Grand Polemarch; and William "Randy" Bates Jr., the thirty-second Grand
9 Polemarch; amongst other noble achievements by noble men; and

10 WHEREAS, regarding Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity men, "Achievement" is what they
11 do, "Commitment" is who they are, and "Fidelity" is how they live; and

12 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi, a college fraternity, now comprised of functioning
13 undergraduate and alumni chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country,
14 is the crystallization of a dream; and

15 WHEREAS, the establishment of the fraternity is the beautiful realization of a vision
16 shared commonly by the late revered founders that enabled them in the school year
17 1910-1911, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana
18 University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is

1 available to, and now enjoyed by college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion
2 or national origin; and

3 WHEREAS, the constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated is
4 predicated upon and dedicated to the principles of achievement through a truly democratic
5 fraternity; and

6 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was originally chartered and incorporated
7 under the laws of the state of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911; and

8 WHEREAS, the name was changed to Kappa Alpha Psi by a resolution offered and
9 adopted at the Grand Chapter in December 1914 which became effective April 15, 1915; and

10 WHEREAS, the name acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol and Kappa Alpha
11 Psi thereby became a Greek letter fraternity in every sense of the designation; and

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

14 WHEREAS, by the end of the first year the then Grand Polemarch, Elder Watson
15 Diggs working together with original Grand Board of Director member, B. K. Armstrong,
16 had completed the ritual and commenced work on the coat of arms, which was completed
17 the following summer; and

18 WHEREAS, in having adopted a mutually suitable motto, Grand Polemarch Diggs
19 and Grand Board of Director members B. K. Armstrong and John M. Lee carried a sketch
20 of the coat of arms to a commercial engraver, from which he made the first metal plate
21 "Kappa Alpha Psi"; and

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

24 WHEREAS, it was not until he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he met an old
25 German printer in whom he had confidence that he entrusted the esoteric materials of the
26 fraternity to a commercial printer; and

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

29 WHEREAS, this edition of the first constitution remained in use until 1926 when it
30 was supplanted by the codified edition jointly written by Elder Watson Diggs, J. Ernest

1 Wilkins, and W. Ellis Stewart; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1957 the constitution again underwent a major revision; and

3 WHEREAS, now substantially established and provided with a constitution, ritual,
4 coat of arms, motto and guiding hand in a dynamic Grand Chapter, the fraternity was ready
5 for expansion; and

6 WHEREAS, in the summer of 1912 Grand Polemarch Diggs visited the University
7 of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois, where he met Earl B. Dickerson, President of the Old "Illini
8 Club"; and

9 WHEREAS, this club constituted the nucleus of the University of Illinois chapter,
10 the Beta, which was chartered on February 8, 1913; and

11 WHEREAS, Gamma Chapter was established on December 29, 1913, followed by
12 the establishment of Delta Chapter at the University of Iowa on March 7, 1914; and

13 WHEREAS, the latter was subsequently changed to the Gamma Chapter, and the
14 designation of Delta was assigned to the Wilberforce University Chapter at Wilberforce,
15 Ohio; and

16 WHEREAS, Epsilon Chapter, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania was established on
17 December 4, 1915 as the first chapter in the East; and

18 WHEREAS, except for the years of World War I and World War II when several
19 Grand Chapter meetings were suspended, Kappa Alpha Psi embarked upon an era of
20 expansion and growth and prevailed with unabating impetus; and

21 WHEREAS, to date, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is organizationally and
22 administratively mature; and

23 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity steadily moves towards a tomorrow of
24 promise, productivity and influence.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby recognize March 30, 2016 as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated Day.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 Southwestern Providence Council of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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