

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to designate March 11, 2009, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day on the Hill."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and specially commend those distinguished organizations whose stated goals advance the most noble precepts of human endeavors and whose history of service in pursuit of those goals is an outstanding example to the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a significant role in American college life since 1776 and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is an outstanding example of the Greek system at work and is an organization with a long tradition of excellence; and

WHEREAS, founded at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, in 1911, the fraternity grew from one undergraduate group with nine members to an international organization with more than 120,000 members across the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi is divided into twelve regions, known as provinces, with the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi represented in the South Central Province; members of this province, like all others, are encouraged to promote the fraternity's legacy of brotherhood, achievement, and service in its most needed communities; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Province consists of forty-four chapters, twenty-seven of which are located in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as Kappa Alpha Psi approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011, Grand Polemarch, Dwayne M. Murray, Esquire, has outlined a Centennial Program, an Extraordinary

Service Program of Economics, Service, and Partnership which embraces a five-pronged plan designated to excite, mobilize, and ignite members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the new leadership of the South Central Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. includes Province Polemarch Willie F. Brooks, Jr., a resident of Memphis who was appointed on August 25, 2007, by the thirty-first Grand Polemarch Dwayne M. Murray, Esquire; and

WHEREAS, as we observe "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day on the Hill," the members of Kappa Alpha Psi should be commended for their exemplary civic contributions, public policy service, scholarship, and partnerships forged to implement program activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 11, 2009, as "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day on the Hill," commending the extimable members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for their many civic contributions through the implementation of their Extraordinary Service Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.