

## Senate Resolution 56

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was incorporated on January 5, 1911, on the  
3 campus of Indiana University by ten young men determined to create a brotherhood that  
4 would provide a sense of belonging and empowerment to combat prejudices, discrimination,  
5 social isolation, and exclusion; and

6 WHEREAS, the founding brothers included Honorable Elder Watson Diggs, Byron Kenneth  
7 Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus Peter Blakemore,  
8 Paul Waymond Caine, George Wesley Edmonds, Edward Giles Irvin, and John Milton Lee;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi has five objectives: to unite college men of culture, patriotism,  
11 and honor in a bond of fraternity; to encourage honorable achievement in every field of  
12 human endeavor; to promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, and moral welfare of its  
13 members; to assist in the aims and purposes of colleges and universities; and to inspire  
14 service in the public interest; and

15 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity provides an invaluable service to the community  
16 through its national service program, the Guide Right Program, which was founded in 1921  
17 as an ad hoc committee to study the needs of Greek letter chapters but grew into a much  
18 broader concept of assisting high school seniors with identifying and selecting useful careers;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity have made lasting contributions by  
21 aspiring to achieve in all fields of human endeavors, and some past and present exemplars  
22 from the membership include Dr. Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, Arthur Schomburg,  
23 Whitman Mayo, Arthur Ashe, Johnnie L. Cochran, Lerone J. Bennett, Dr. Henry Foster,  
24 Tavis Smiley, and Georgia Congressman Sanford Bishop; and

25 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity has over 23,500 active members and 800  
26 undergraduate and alumni chapters worldwide, including over 1,500 active members and 35  
27 undergraduate and alumni chapters in Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
29 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately  
30 recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize the legacy of achievement and the contributions Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity  
33 members have made to the world community and extend best wishes for continued success  
34 in their ongoing efforts to make a profound impact and footprint on the world.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.