

## House Resolution 607

By: Representatives Mayo of the 91<sup>st</sup> and Heard of the 114<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the occasion of its  
2 centennial anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi was the first African American fraternity or sorority founded  
12 on a majority Caucasian college or university and has five objectives: to unite college men  
13 of culture, patriotism, and honor in a bond of fraternity; to encourage honorable achievement  
14 in every field of human endeavor; to promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, and moral  
15 welfare of its members; to assist in the aims and purposes of colleges and universities; and  
16 to inspire service in the public interest; and

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

22 WHEREAS, members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity have made lasting contributions by  
23 aspiring to achieve in all fields of human endeavors, and some past and present exemplars  
24 from the membership include Dr. Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, Arthur Schomburg,

25 Whitman Mayo, Arthur Ashe, Johnnie L. Cochran, Lerone J. Bennett, Dr. Henry Foster,  
26 Tavis Smiley, and Georgia Congressman Sanford Bishop; and

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

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body congratulate Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on its 100th anniversary,  
35 recognize the legacy of achievement and the contributions its members have made to the  
36 world community, and extend best wishes for continued success in their ongoing efforts to  
37 make a profound impact and footprint on the world.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
40 Inc.