

House Resolution 709

By: Representatives Mayo of the 91st and Heard of the 114th

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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