

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., especially the alumni who support the Wichita alumni chapter, and the Kappa Leadership League.

WHEREAS, In the waning years of the nineteenth century and too many years of the twentieth century, African-Americans were actively dissuaded from attending college; and

WHEREAS, Formidable obstacles were erected to prevent the few who were enrolled from assimilating into campus life; and

WHEREAS, Ten African-American graduates of the University of Indiana came together on January 15, 1911 in Bloomington, Indiana, to form a fraternal society not just as a social opportunity but also as a brotherhood dedicated to achievement, uniting college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Those founders went on to achievements in the realms of medicine, education, business, dentistry, politics, industry, journalism, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Four of those founders served their country in the military during World War I; and

WHEREAS, The vision of these astute men sowed the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi has never contained any clause which either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership merely because of his color, creed, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, The Fraternity of Kappa Alpha Psi has been built on the basis of strong leadership and achievement in every aspect of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi is for those who possess intelligence, character, strength, and an unquenchable desire to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi emphasizes the quality and integrity of its membership, which manifests itself through an intangible element of brotherhood they call "That Good Old Kappa Spirit"; and

WHEREAS, "That Good Old Kappa Spirit" cannot be bought, bartered, sold or stolen but rather comes from a personal love of fraternity, a loyalty to purpose and ideals, the acceptance of responsibility, and an interest in the welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi chapters are bands of men who are tied together by mutual association, common desires and aspiration, common suffering and hardships, and common love and willingness to make sacrifices for each other; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of the members of Kappa Alpha Psi are to reach within the community and educate young leaders of tomorrow, the leaders of today, and the leaders of yesterday in respect to political and social issues; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa League serves as the service organization for members to offer guidance and support for teens as they deal with the turbulence that comes with changing from a child to an adult; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa League's goal is to guide young boys and girls of the local community, especially those of high school age, in the selection of courses leading to vocations compatible with their aptitudes, interests, and personalities; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa League seeks to assist students, while they are in training, to become started in employment and to go in the right direction by providing scholarships, leadership, and other necessities to students; and to progress successfully in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa League seeks for the less fortunate youths a respite from the drudgery of the streets, through sponsored entertainment and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, The Kappa League informs youth about the value of higher education and about opportunities for assistance available for continued educational pursuits, including scholarships, loans, professional counseling, and fellowships; and

WHEREAS, The League's goal also is to inform young people about the various professions and career options; and

WHEREAS, The Wichita chapter of the Kappa League has served over 100 young men since its inception in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Those young men have gone on to colleges all over the nation: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the members of the Senate congratulate Kappa Alpha Psi for their 96 years of service to the youth of America; and

*Be it further resolved:* That February 22, 2007, is Kappa Day at the Capitol; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Betts for presentation to the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senator Donald Betts, Jr.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*