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Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the historic milestone of 100 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CLAY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. MOORE, Mr. PAYNE, and Ms. LEE of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the historic milestone of 100 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, by Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore,

Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds;

Whereas the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi were God-fearing, high achieving, serious minded young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy custom and cultural challenges in pursuit of college educations and careers during a period in United States history where such opportunities were not broadly available for African-Americans;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi has since its founding stressed high ideals and the importance of achievement in every field of human endeavor by instilling into African-American youth the noble accomplishment of providing greater service to others and training its members to become a positive influence on their communities and the society at large;

Whereas since its founding, Kappa Alpha Psi has matured to an organization of over 150,000 college-trained men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and university campuses and alumni chapters in more than 340 cities in the United States and 5 foreign countries;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi hosts a biennial Undergraduate Leadership Institute, a comprehensive training and skills enhancement program for the fraternity's top student leaders to aspire them to become positive role models and aspire to serve for the good of society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi has maintained a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and assists in building a home for a local family in conjunction with each of its biennial national conventions;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi has a partnership with Memphis-based St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and has with the help of the local community and churches been able to raise more than \$1,000,000 for the continuation of St. Jude's mission and has designated the hospital as the primary benefactor of its national fundraising efforts;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors Kappas on Capitol Hill, a four-day conference for its members in the Washington, DC, designed to increase member awareness of the political process through workshops, seminars, and lectures, as well as inform its members on the importance of the political process in bettering society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi has emphasized financial literacy in its community-based outreach, implementing two major programs, Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) and Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt (GLAD), in partnership with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi, through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, has provided thousands of at-risk youth in communities throughout the United States with role models and mentors that encourage them to make positive contributions to, and to take leadership roles in, their communities;

Whereas since 1990, Kappa Alpha Psi's Kappa Scholarship Fund has provided scholarship grants to over 10,000 high school graduates to assist in furthering their education and has encouraged its undergraduate and alumni chapters to support similar endeavors to broaden the ability of economically disadvantaged youth to aspire to obtain a college education;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi's oldest formal program, its Holiday Food Drive, provides food, clothing, and toys to thousands of low income citizens in many metropolitan and rural communities throughout the United States;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi's national theme of "One Kappa, Creating Inspiration: A Call to Service" has mobilized Kappa men across the Nation who are leaders in business, education, government, the humanities, arts and entertainment, science, and medicine to become better servant leaders for their respective families and communities, the United States, and the fraternity at large;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi has ongoing partnerships with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the National Urban League (NUL);

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi provides support to the National Education Association (NEA), National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC); and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will hold its Centennial Celebration at its 80th Grand Chapter Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5, 2011, through July 10, 2011: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
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- 4 legiate men throughout the United States.

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