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Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on reaching 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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2011

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on reaching 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, at 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 in which such opportunities were not broadly available to African-Americans;

Whereas since its founding Kappa Alpha Psi has stressed high ideals and the importance of achievement in every field of human endeavor by instilling in African-American youth the noble aspiration of serving others and by training its members to positively influence their communities and society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi membership has grown to include more than 150,000 college-educated men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and university campuses and with alumni chapters located in more than 340 cities in the United States and in 5 foreign countries;

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

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with Habitat for Humanity and assists in building homes for local families in conjunction with each of its biennial national conventions;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, based in Memphis, Tennessee, and, with the help of local communities and churches, has

raised more than \$1,000,000 for the continuation of the mission of that hospital;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi designated St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the primary benefactor of its national fundraising efforts;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors Kappas on Capitol Hill, a 4-day conference in Washington, District of Columbia, that seeks to increase member awareness of the political process through workshops, seminars, and lectures, and that seeks to inform its members of the importance of the political process in bettering society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi emphasizes financial literacy in its community-based outreach by partnering with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to implement 2 major programs, Credit Abuse Resistance Education and Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi, through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, matches thousands of at-risk youths throughout the United States with role models and mentors that encourage the youths to positively contribute to and become leaders in their communities;

Whereas, since 1990, the Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Scholarship Fund has provided scholarship grants to more than 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 the oldest formal program of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Holiday Food Drive, provides food, clothing, and toys to thousands of low income individuals in many metropolitan and rural communities throughout the United States;

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

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Urban League;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi supports the National Education Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity 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 Senate congratulates Kappa Alpha
- 2 Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 100 years of serving local commu-
- 3 nities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout
- 4 the United States.

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