

1           A RESOLUTION commending Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. on the historic milestone of  
2 113 years of community activism and brotherhood, and recognizing February 13, 2024,  
3 as Kappa Alpha Psi Day in Kentucky.

4           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity was founded on January 5, 1911, on the  
5 campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, by Elder Watson Diggs, John  
6 Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry Tourner  
7 Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is the oldest predominately African  
10 American Greek-letter organization founded west of the Appalachian Mountains that is  
11 still in existence today; and

12           WHEREAS, the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi were courageous and high-achieving  
13 young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, and determination to defy custom  
14 and cultural challenges in pursuit of college educations and careers during a period of  
15 American history in which such opportunities were not broadly available for African  
16 Americans, resolving to boldly organize in friendship and mutual support in the face of  
17 racial discrimination; and

18           WHEREAS, since its founding, Kappa Alpha Psi has been a vehicle of community  
19 and support for ambitious African American youth, instilling the ideals of leadership and  
20 service to others in its members as they have gone on to become positive influences on  
21 their communities and American society at large; and

22           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi has matured to an organization of over 150,000  
23 college-educated men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and  
24 university campuses and alumni chapters in more than 340 cities across the United States  
25 and five foreign countries; and

26           WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi is committed to providing vital support to charitable  
27 and community service across the United States and the world, including St. Jude

1 Children's Research Hospital, the United Negro College Fund, Habitat for Humanity, and  
2 the National Urban League; and

3 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi has launched its own initiatives to better  
4 communities and encourage educational excellence such as the Holiday Food Drive, the  
5 Kappa Scholarship Fund, and the Kappa League and National Guide Right programs; and

6 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi's national theme of "One Kappa, Creating  
7 Inspiration: A Call to Service" has mobilized Kappa men across America who are leaders  
8 in business, education, government, the humanities, arts and entertainment, science, and  
9 medicine to become better servant leaders for their respective families and communities,  
10 the United States, and the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Kentuckians can take special pride in the bonds between Kappa Alpha  
12 Psi and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as founder Elder Watson Diggs, known as "the  
13 Father of Kappa" and "the Dreamer" due to his profound vision to create the fraternity,  
14 was a native of Christian County, Kentucky, and educated in Louisville, and co-founder  
15 Henry Tourner Asher was born in Owensboro, Kentucky;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
18 ***Kentucky:***

19 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize February 13, 2024, as  
20 Kappa Alpha Psi Day to highlight the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for  
21 their impressive history of community activism and their legacy of brotherhood.

22 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
23 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for presentation to the members of the Kappa Alpha  
24 Psi Fraternity.