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HR 1072

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5 By: Representative McGruder

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC., FOR  
10 ITS POSITIVE IMPACT UPON ITS COMMUNITIES, THE STATE  
11 OF ARKANSAS, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD.

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14 **Subtitle**

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20 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is a collegiate Greek-letter  
21 fraternity founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington;  
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24 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., has over one hundred fifty  
25 thousand (150,000) members in seven hundred (700) undergraduate and alumni  
26 chapters in every state of the United States and around the world; and

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28 WHEREAS, the members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., are risk  
29 takers, trailblazers, and changemakers with a passion for achievement in  
30 every field of human endeavor, uplifting their communities, and developing  
31 the current and next generation of leaders; and

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33 WHEREAS, at the time of the founding of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
34 Inc., in Bloomington, Indiana, Indiana was a stronghold for the Ku Klux Klan,  
35 but despite the hostility toward Blacks in Indiana, some Black students  
36 sought a college education at Indiana University as it was a tuition-free



1 university of the highest quality; and

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3 WHEREAS, during the 1910-1911 school year, a small group of Black  
4 students at Indiana University, realizing that they had no part in the  
5 university's social life, decided that a Greek-letter fraternity would do  
6 much to fill the missing link in their college existence, particularly as two  
7 (2) members of this group had previously attended Howard University in  
8 Washington, D.C., home of the only national historically Black Greek-letter  
9 fraternity then in existence; and

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11 WHEREAS, the founding members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., were  
12 God-fearing and serious-minded young men with the imagination, ambition,  
13 courage, and determination to defy custom in pursuit of a college education  
14 and career, and they decided that their fraternity would be more than a  
15 social organization, and would instead be founded upon the concept of  
16 achievement; and

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18 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is the second-oldest  
19 existing collegiate historically Black Greek-letter fraternity, and its  
20 members are proud that its Constitution has never contained any clause that  
21 excludes a man from membership because of his color, creed, or national  
22 origin; and

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24 WHEREAS, local chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.,  
25 participate in community outreach activities to feed the homeless, provide  
26 scholarships to young people matriculating to college, serve as mentors to  
27 young men, participate in blood drives, and serve as hosts of seminars for  
28 public health awareness, and the fraternity has also provided summer  
29 enrichment camps and over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in funds for St.  
30 Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

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32 WHEREAS, members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., have also  
33 answered the call to service by proudly serving in the United States Armed  
34 Forces since World War I and raising funds to assist those in need following  
35 natural disasters worldwide; and

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1           WHEREAS, famed members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., include  
2 Wilt Chamberlain, Cedric the Entertainer, Arthur Ashe, Johnnie Cochran, John  
3 Conyers, Kwame Jackson, Bill Russell, Tavis Smiley, and Colin Kaepernick; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Representative Jessie McGruder is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi  
6 Fraternity, Inc.,  
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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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12           THAT the House of Representatives recognize Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
13 Inc., for its positive impact upon its communities, the State of Arkansas,  
14 the nation, and the world.  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the leadership of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., by the Chief  
18 Clerk of the House of Representatives.  
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