**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THE ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC., ON THE CHAPTER’S CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO WISH THE CHAPTER MANY MORE YEARS OF INSPIRING HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN ITS MEMBERS, AND TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 25, 2020, AS “ZETA EPSILON DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to note that the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., having been founded on September 25, 1970, at the University of South Carolina, is marking its fiftieth anniversary this year; and

Whereas, Zeta Epsilon is the first historically Black Greek‑letter organization founded at the university; and

Whereas, prior to the chapter’s establishment, University of South Carolina students had to be initiated through the Beta Rho Chapter at Allen University; and

Whereas, the chapter has initiated more than four hundred men during its fifty‑year history; and

Whereas, the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is achievement; and

Whereas, Kappa Alpha Psi initiates at the University of South Carolina include such luminaries as Harry Walker, the first Black student government president; Tim McConnell, the first Black student government vice president; Raphael Lee, the first Black graduate of the College of Engineering and Computing; Alex English, Basketball Hall of Famer and former member of the NBA Denver Nuggets; Alonzo Anthony Morris, the first Black page in the South Carolina General Assembly; Luther Battiste, one of the first Blacks to be elected to Columbia City Council since Reconstruction; Steve Benjamin, mayor of Columbia; former South Carolina State Representative Anton Gunn; Delane Rosemond, the fraternity’s southeastern region’s current president (province polemarch); Jacob Rowe, the fraternity’s southeastern region’s current undergraduate vice president (junior vice province polemarch); and Dakereon Joyner, former Gamecock quarterback and current wide receiver; and

Whereas, Zeta Epsilon Chapter has proven itself a worthy participant in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity’s exceptional tradition of promoting lofty attainment in its members, and the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in acknowledging its excellence and in congratulating the chapter on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on the chapter’s celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, wish the chapter many more years of inspiring high achievement in its members, and declare September 25, 2020, as “Zeta Epsilon Day” in South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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