

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 110

AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Kappa Alpha Psi Day in Missouri.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 9.409, to read as follows:

9.409. 1. January fifth of each year shall be known and designated as "Kappa Alpha Psi Day" in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate activities and events to commemorate the founding of the fraternity.

2. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University, in Bloomington Indiana by Elder Watson Diggs, Byron Kenneth Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Marcus Peter Blakemore, Ezra Dee Alexander, John Milton Lee, Henry Tourner Asher, Edward Giles Irvin, George Wesley Edmonds, and Paul Waymond Caine.

3. Founding member Henry Tourner Asher was an educator and instructor at Lincoln Institute, now known as Lincoln University of Missouri, in Jefferson City.

4. Kappa Alpha Psi is the second oldest existing collegiate historically Black Greek-letter fraternity and the first intercollegiate fraternity incorporated as a national body. The fraternity has over two hundred fifty thousand members with seven hundred undergraduate and alumni chapters in nearly every state of the United States, and thirteen international chapters in Nigeria, South Africa, Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Panama, United

Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Dominican Republic, Abu Dhabi, Canada, and Japan.

5. Through its worldwide prominence, Kappa Alpha Psi has had a global impact on events that affect our local communities and places around the globe. Local chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi participate in community outreach activities to feed the homeless, provide scholarships to young people matriculating to college, serve as mentors to young men, participate in blood drives, and serve as hosts of seminars for public health awareness, to name a few. Nationally, Kappa Alpha Psi has provided summer enrichment camps and funds for St. Jude Medical Research Center to assist in the fight against childhood catastrophic diseases by raising more than one million dollars. Internationally, Kappa Alpha Psi members have answered the call to service by proudly serving our military in wars since WWI and raising funds to assist those in need following natural disasters worldwide, including hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, and earthquakes.

6. Kappa Alpha Psi proudly boasts members who epitomize the essence of "Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor". Some of these members include Ralph Abernathy, Wilt Chamberlain, Montell Jordan, Benjamin Jealous, Oscar Robertson, Cedric the Entertainer, Arthur Ashe, Mike Tomlin, Gayle Sayers, Adrian Fenty, Robert S. Abbott, Bennie Thompson, Donald Byrd, Johnnie Cochran, Ed Gardner, Smokie Norful, John Singleton, Tom Bradley, Bob Johnson, John Conyers, Alcee Hastings, Lerone Bennett, Jr., Kwame Jackson, Bill Russell, Tavis Smiley, and Marvin Sapp.