

SENATE BILL NO. 110

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MAY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Kappa Alpha Psi Week 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
2 one new section, to be known as section 9.409, to read as
3 follows:

9.409. 1. The week in which January five falls each
2 year shall be known and designated as "Kappa Alpha Psi Week"
3 in Missouri. The citizens of this state are encouraged to
4 observe the day with appropriate activities and events to
5 commemorate the founding of the fraternity.

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

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

15 4. Kappa Alpha Psi is the second oldest existing
16 collegiate historically Black Greek-letter fraternity and
17 the first intercollegiate fraternity incorporated as a
18 national body. The fraternity has over two hundred fifty
19 thousand members with seven hundred undergraduate and alumni
20 chapters in nearly every state of the United States, and

21 thirteen international chapters in Nigeria, South Africa,
22 Bermuda, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Panama, United
23 Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Dominican Republic, Abu
24 Dhabi, Canada, and Japan.

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

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

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