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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi
2 Fraternity, Inc., is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2017, and
3 this occasion truly merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi was established in 1911 at Indiana
5 University, with other chapters being added across the country in
6 the years and decades that followed; and

7 WHEREAS, The Beta Upsilon Chapter was founded in 1947 thanks
8 to the efforts of C. A. Ladner and David Bradford, who were both
9 members of the fraternity's Houston Alumni Chapter; the two men
10 dedicated themselves to the task of starting a Kappa Alpha Psi
11 chapter at the Houston College for Negroes, which would soon become
12 Texas Southern University; when the Beta Upsilon Chapter was
13 officially chartered on March 15 of that year, it was the first
14 Greek letter organization on the campus; its charter line members
15 were Arthur M. Gaines Jr., Orville B. Harris, Cleveland B. Davis
16 Jr., Warren D. Davis, George A. Lavalier, Charles E. Grays, Roy A.
17 Hutchins, John E. Howard, James D. Bingham, Jeff S. Scott, Charles
18 A. Hatcher, Joseph A. Lee, and Madison L. Johnson; and

19 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the chapter has initiated more
20 than 600 members, many of whom have gone on to distinguish
21 themselves by establishing notable careers in such professions as
22 public service, law, medicine, athletics, dentistry, education,
23 and pharmacy; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the Beta Upsilon Chapter has

1 committed itself to fostering a brotherhood of concerned citizens
2 who work in behalf of the greater good, and its members may indeed
3 reflect with pride on their organization's admirable tradition of
4 civic involvement and achievement; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 70th
7 anniversary of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi
8 Fraternity, Inc., and extend to all those associated with the group
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the chapter as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.