

# **A RESOLUTION HONORING KEVIN LAMPE ON RECEIVING THE EDWARD R. SOLVIBILE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM PHI KAPPA THETA**

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his servant leadership and appreciation of his tireless work mentoring and teaching leadership skills to his Fraternity Brothers. Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity will present, its highest honor to a Brother, the Edward R. Solvibile Distinguished Service Award to Kevin Lampe; and

**WHEREAS**, Phi Kappa Fraternity was founded at Brown University in 1889, and Theta Kappa Phi was founded at Lehigh University in 1919; each was founded because established fraternities denied membership to Catholic men. In 1959, the two fraternities merged into the united fraternity of Phi Kappa Theta; and

**WHEREAS**, In the fall of 1979, Kevin Lampe was initiated into the Brotherhood of Phi Kappa Theta; at the Illinois Kappa Mu Chapter at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** Kevin Lampe was a Charter Member and Chapter President of his chapter, he also served as Installation Chairman, Rush Chairman, and Ritualist. He became a National Officer as a sophomore when he joined the Undergraduate Advisory Council in 1980. He graduated in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, As an Alumnus, Kevin Lampe continued his seamless relationship of service with the national fraternity. Beginning as District Governor and Province President until his election to Phi Kappa Theta's National Board of Trustees in 1999. On a local level, he served as Alumni Association President and Director on the local housing board; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009, Kevin Lampe was elected National President of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity. After finishing 12 years of service on the national board, he began his first term as a Trustee of the Phi Kappa Theta National Foundation in 2011 and continues to serve on that board; and

**WHEREAS**, Lampe has conducted those difficult conversations with brothers in tough situations. He trained brothers (collegiate, alumni, and staff) on how to respond to the media and serves as a spokesperson when needed. He negotiated with university officials and testified at university hearings. He conducted investigations and chaired judicial hearings. He was an alumni leader during the adoption and rollout of risk management policies and those difficult but needed changes to Greek life culture. He knows more about fraternity liability insurance than he ever thought possible. He even suffered the heartbreak of closing his own collegiate chapter as a national board member; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Lampe has attended 35 Phi Kappa Theta national annual meetings, visited and advised dozens of chapters, spoke at and attended numerous recruitment events, served as educational dean for national and regional leadership training meetings, attended multiple alumni functions, served as keynote speaker at conferences, installations, conventions for Phi Kappa Theta and other fraternities, taken many calls from a brother in distress, spent countless late-night hours “solving the world’s problems” with his brothers and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Lampe is most proud of the fact he has attended or participated in his fraternity’s ritual nearly 65 times; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 19th day of July 2023, do hereby congratulate Kevin Lampe on the occasion of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity awarding him the Edward R. Solvibile Distinguished Service Award in recognition of a lifetime of servant leadership with the fraternity. We express our heartfelt congratulations for providing an example of the value of volunteerism and demonstrating and living the “I Will” Spirit of Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Kevin Lampe.



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Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward