

The West Palm Beach Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., mourns the passing of Representative Alcee L. Hastings who was a civil rights activist; former U.S. District Court judge; and U.S. Congressional legislator.

A distinguished civic leader, Congressman Hastings served as Vice Chairman of the House Rules Committee; a past member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and its Chairman on the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission); the Dean of the Florida Congressional Delegation (longest serving member); and was a long-standing member of the Congressional Black Caucus. During his nearly 30 years in Congress, Brother Hastings co-sponsored or supported numerous bills to promote equity and inclusion and to fight injustice, including voting, employment, healthcare, housing, and the environment.

A long-time member of the Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Brother Hastings was an ardent supporter of the fraternity's annual policy conference ("Kappas on Capitol Hill"), and a noted speaker at numerous fraternity Grand Chapter Meetings and Province Councils, including the Awards Program Speaker at the 65th Grand Chapter Meeting and the Closed Banquet Speaker at the 78th Grand Chapter Meeting. His outstanding career in public service with a focus on civil rights and inequality earned him the fraternity's highest honor, the 59th Laurel Wreath, during 2007.

Although Brother Hastings has transitioned to the Chapter Invisible, his lasting contributions and leadership in Congress helped make the United States a better and fairer place to live, work and retire for all Americans. He was a very proud Kappa man who will be missed, but he will never be forgotten. We extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies to Congressman Hastings' immediate and extended family, his staff and supporters, as well as our brothers across the Southern Province, the Alpha Delta Chapter and the Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi®."