

## House Resolution 605

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Pezold of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Gamma Psi Boule, a chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and recognizing  
2 March 11, 2015, as Gamma Psi Boule Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, also known as the Boule, was the first Greek-letter  
5 fraternity founded by African American men; and

6 WHEREAS, unlike other such Greek-letter organizations, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity's members  
7 are inducted only after they have earned college and professional degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, from its inception, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity was a learned society that believed  
9 in the equality of standing of its members and insisted that anyone who was eligible for  
10 membership must also be eligible and qualified for leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, named for the ancient Greek Council of Chiefs or the noblemen of the Greek  
12 society, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity became a Boule, with its individual members designated as  
13 Archons; and

14 WHEREAS, shortly after the establishment of the first chapter, or Alpha Boule, the founders  
15 looked to other cities in which to expand the fraternity in order to establish a national  
16 organization; and

17 WHEREAS, Gamma Psi Boule was formed on November 4, 1989, in Columbus, Georgia,  
18 and it is currently made up of 34 Archons representing physicians, dentists, bankers,  
19 attorneys, politicians, a city manager, a state court judge, and various businessmen; and

20 WHEREAS, the mission of Gamma Psi Boule is to maintain an organization that binds men  
21 of like qualities into a sacred and fraternal union that is synergistic in nature where concerted  
22 effort brings about action that cannot be accomplished by individual effort; and

23 WHEREAS, Gamma Psi Boule, through its Educational Endowment Fund, has awarded over  
24 \$100,000 in higher education scholarships to graduating high school seniors; in addition, it  
25 provides stipends to deserving middle school students and participates in a successful high  
26 school mentoring program; and

27 WHEREAS, Gamma Psi Boule remains committed to service that benefits the City of  
28 Columbus and the surrounding community.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend Gamma Psi Boule, a chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity,  
31 for its outstanding community service efforts and recognize March 11, 2015, as Gamma Psi  
32 Boule Recognition Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Gamma Psi Boule.