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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Omega Psi Phi.

2 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first*
3 *international fraternal organization founded on the campus of*
4 *a historically black college;*

5 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi, a predominantly African-American*
6 *organization of college men, was founded at Howard*
7 *University on November 17, 1911;*

8 *Whereas, The name Omega Psi Phi was derived from the*
9 *initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to*
10 *the soul";*

11 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi is guided by four principles:*
12 *"Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift";*

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1 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi flourished in large part due to the*
 2 *high ideals of its founders, who chose men of like character to*
 3 *guide the fraternity into the future;*

4 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi has many internationally mandated*
 5 *programs, including the following: Achievement Week, which*
 6 *is designed to recognize those individuals at the local and*
 7 *international levels who have contributed to community uplift;*
 8 *Scholarship, which promotes academic excellence among*
 9 *undergraduate members; Social Action, in which chapters*
 10 *participate in activities that will uplift their communities,*
 11 *including voter registration, Assault on Illiteracy, Habitat for*
 12 *Humanity, mentoring, and fundraisers for charitable*
 13 *organizations; Talent Hunt, which provides exposure,*
 14 *encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young*
 15 *people participating in the performing arts; Memorial Service,*
 16 *which recalls the memory of those members who have entered*
 17 *into Omega Chapter; Reclamation and Retention, a concerted*
 18 *effort at the international, district, and local levels to retain*
 19 *active brothers and return inactive brothers to full*
 20 *participatory status; College Endowment Fund, which is an*
 21 *annual contribution of at least \$50,000 to historically black*
 22 *colleges and universities in furtherance of Omega Psi Phi's*
 23 *commitment to provide philanthropic support; Health*
 24 *Initiatives, which facilitates, participates in, and coordinates*
 25 *activities that promote good health practices, including the*
 26 *Charles Drew Blood Drive and partnership with the American*
 27 *Diabetes Association; Voter Registration, Education, and*
 28 *Mobilization, which facilitates and participates in activities*
 29 *that uplift their communities through the power of the vote;*

30 *Whereas, The Indiana chapters of Omega Psi Phi are Alpha*
 31 *Chi, Gary; Alpha Kappa Kappa, Gary; Beta Xi, Evansville; Chi*
 32 *Sigma, Terre Haute; Epsilon Beta Beta, Notre Dame; Eta*
 33 *Delta, Gary; Kappa Theta, Indianapolis; Nu Alpha Alpha,*
 34 *Indianapolis; Nu Mu Nu, Kokomo; Rho Sigma, Lafayette;*
 35 *Sigma Beta, Indianapolis; Tau Nu, Fort Wayne; Upsilon Beta,*
 36 *Muncie; Upsilon Kappa Kappa, Lafayette; Zeta Epsilon,*
 37 *Bloomington; and Zeta Phi, Indianapolis;*

38 *Whereas, Many renowned Americans from the business,*
 39 *professional, and educational areas have been members of*



1 *Omega Psi Phi; and*

2 *Whereas, There are very few Americans whose lives have not*
3 *been touched by a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:*
4 *Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
6 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
8 acknowledges the many contributions made to our state and our
9 nation by the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

10 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
11 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to
12 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and its 10th District
13 representative.

