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House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating April 3, 2003, as "Omega Psi Phi
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, its name derived from the initials of the Greek
6 phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul," Omega Psi
7 Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded at historically black Howard
8 University in Washington, D.C., on November 17, 1911, and

9 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., an international
10 organization with more than 550 chapters in 44 states, the
11 District of Columbia, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Bahamas, the
12 Virgin Islands, and Panama, has initiated over 130,000 members,
13 and each member proudly wears the Omega Purple and Gold, and

14 WHEREAS, with cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship,
15 perseverance, and uplift, chapters of the fraternity are located
16 in communities and on college and university campuses throughout
17 the state and have made numerous contributions to the
18 educational, civic, and social lives of Florida's citizens, and

19 WHEREAS, members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Florida
20 contribute thousands of volunteer hours implementing service
21 programs in their respective communities, and

22 WHEREAS, George H. Grace, of Miami, is the Grand Baslieus
23 of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., which also boasts among its
24 membership United States Congressman Kendrick Meek, Tallahassee
25 Mayor John Marks, and State Representatives Wilbert T. Holloway
26 and Frank Peterman, Jr., and

27 WHEREAS, additional members from the state who hold
28 National Omega leadership positions include 7th District
29 Representative Edgar Mathis, of Jacksonville, and Omega State
30 Representative Leslie Gamble, of Miami; and other notable



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31 members with national recognition include Jesse Jackson, Michael
32 Jordan, Saquille O'Neal, and David Satcher, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 Florida:

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37 That the House of Representatives recognizes the deep
38 commitment of the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., to
39 their communities, expresses special appreciation for their
40 service to the State of Florida, and gladly designates April 3,
41 2003, as "Omega Psi Phi Day" in Florida.