

By Senator Hill

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2 A resolution recognizing and commending Omega  
3 Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for its invaluable  
4 community service to the people of the State of  
5 Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, on November 17, 1911, three Howard University  
8 undergraduate students, assisted by their faculty advisor, met  
9 and conceived the idea of founding Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,  
10 Inc., based on the cardinal principles of "manhood,  
11 scholarship, perseverance, and uplift," and

12 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was the first  
13 fraternity founded at a Historically Black College or  
14 University, and, since its inception, has initiated more than  
15 130,000 members in 550 chapters in 44 states, the District of  
16 Columbia, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Bahamas, the Virgin  
17 Islands, and Panama, and

18 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is committed  
19 to rendering community service that makes a difference in  
20 quality of life, and has made invaluable contributions toward  
21 improving the educational, civic, and social lives of the  
22 people it has touched in Florida and throughout the world, and

23 WHEREAS, Brother George H. Grace of Miami, Florida,  
24 presently leads Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving as the  
25 Fraternity's 37th Grand Basileus; Brother Edgar L. Mathis,  
26 Sr., of Jacksonville, Florida, is the National Representative  
27 for District 7, which includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and  
28 Mississippi; and Brother Leslie Gamble of Miami, Florida, is  
29 the National Representative for the State of Florida, and

30 WHEREAS, other distinguished Floridians who are  
31 Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., include United

1 States Congressman Kendrick Meek, State Senator Anthony C.  
2 "Tony" Hill, Sr., State Senator Gary Siplin, State  
3 Representative Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, State Representative  
4 Frank Peterman, Jr., and Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, NOW,  
5 THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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9 That the Florida Senate commends Omega Psi Phi  
10 Fraternity, Inc., for its invaluable community service to the  
11 people of Florida and recognizes April 16, 2004, as Omega Psi  
12 Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day in the State of Florida.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
14 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to George H.  
15 Grace, Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as a  
16 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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