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## Senate Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, other distinguished Floridians who are 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 March 24, 2006, 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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