

By Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending The 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 over 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 Warren G. Lee, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, presently leads Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving as the Fraternity's 38th Grand Basileus; Brother Joseph Williams of Tuskegee, Alabama, is the National Representative for District 7, which includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi; and Brother Anthony Brown of Miami, Florida is the National Representative for the State of Florida, and

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29 WHEREAS, other distinguished Floridians who are Brothers of
30 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., include United States Congressman
31 Kendrick Meek, State Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr., State
32 Senator Gary Siplin, former State Representative Wilbert "Tee"
33 Holloway, former State Representative Frank Peterman, Jr.,
34 Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, immediate past Grand Basileus,
35 George H. Grace of Miami, Florida, and immediate past National
36 Representative for the 7th District, Edgar L. Mathis, Sr. of
37 Jacksonville, Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the Florida Senate commends Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
42 Inc., for its invaluable community service to the people of
43 Florida and recognizes March 20, 2008, as "Omega Psi Phi
44 Fraternity, Inc., Day" in the State of Florida.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
46 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Warren G. Lee,
47 Jr., Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as a
48 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.