

By Senators Hill and Siplin

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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 100,000 members in 700 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, Dr. Andrew R. Ray presently leads Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., serving as the Fraternity's 39th Grand Basileus; Brother Keith Jackson, of Snellville, Georgia, 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

WHEREAS, other distinguished Floridians who are Brothers of

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30 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., include former United States
31 Congressman Kendrick Meek, State Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill,
32 Sr., State Senator Gary Siplin, State Representative Darryl
33 Rouson, Florida Secretary of Juvenile Justice and former State
34 Representative Frank Peterman, Jr., Miami-Dade School Board
35 Member and former State Representative Wilbert "Tee" Holloway,
36 and Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the Florida Senate commends Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
41 Inc., for its invaluable community service to the people of
42 Florida and recognizes March 19, 2011, as "Omega Psi Phi
43 Fraternity Day" in the State of Florida.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
45 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. Andrew R.
46 Ray, Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as a
47 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.