

House Resolution 1289

By: Representatives Epps of the 132nd, Smyre of the 135th, and Dukes of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2014, as the sixth annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at
2 the state capitol and inviting the brothers and thereby the fraternity to be recognized by the
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded at Howard University on
5 November 17, 1911, by three students, Brother Oscar J. Cooper, M.D., Brother Frank
6 Coleman, Ph.D., and Brother Edgar A. Love, D.D., and Brother Ernest E. Just, Ph.D., who
7 served as their faculty advisor; and

8 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2013, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., celebrated "ONE
9 HUNDRED AND TWO YEARS OF SERVICE" to communities throughout the United
10 States and many countries throughout the world in many diverse fields of endeavor; and

11 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has dedicated its resources to the voter
12 registration and education program known as "VOTE OR CRY"; and

13 WHEREAS, the first objective of "VOTE OR CRY" is to register as many eligible Georgia
14 citizens as possible to vote; and

15 WHEREAS, the second objective is to provide education on how to vote, when to vote,
16 eligibility to vote, and other issues related to voting in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will inform and educate Georgia
18 citizens why voting is important and why registered voters who missed the opportunity may
19 "CRY" when they see the election results; and

20 WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will inform and educate Georgia
21 citizens to "DIRECT" the voting of their elected officials, "EXPECT" the elected officials

22 to keep them informed on developing legislation and administrative changes, and to
23 "INSPECT" the results; and

24 WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will partner and otherwise associate
25 with civically motivated organizations including the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples'
26 Agenda, Georgia State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored
27 People, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and other
28 black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities; and

29 WHEREAS, there are several distinguished Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who
30 serve in the Georgia General Assembly, including Representative Carl Von Epps, (1966, Psi
31 Chapter); Representative Winfred J. Dukes (1975, Gamma Zeta Chapter); Representative
32 Quincy Murphy (1976, Psi Omega Chapter); the Dean of House, Representative Calvin
33 Smyre (1980, Lambda Iota Chapter); and Representative Ernest Smith (1981, Epsilon
34 Gamma Gamma Chapter).

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF THE
36 REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize February 12, 2014, as the
37 sixth annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at the state capitol, commend their
38 exemplary public service and the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance,
39 and uplift endorsed by its members, and invite them to appear before this body at a date and
40 time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the purpose of being
41 recognized by the House of Representatives.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
44 Inc.