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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Smith V*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Omega Psi Phi  
2           Fraternity, Inc.

3           *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is the first*  
4           *international fraternal organization founded on the campus of*  
5           *a historically black college or university;*

6           *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., a predominantly*  
7           *African-American organization of college men, was founded at*  
8           *Howard University on November 17, 1911;*

9           *Whereas, The name Omega Psi Phi was derived from the*  
10          *initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to*  
11          *the soul";*

12          *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is guided by four*  
13          *principles: "Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift";*

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1       *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi flourished in large part due to the*  
 2       *high ideals of its founders, who chose men of like character to*  
 3       *guide the fraternity into the future;*

4       *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi has many internationally mandated*  
 5       *programs, including the following: Achievement Week, which*  
 6       *is designed to recognize those individuals at the local and*  
 7       *international levels who have contributed to community uplift;*  
 8       *Scholarship, which promotes academic excellence among*  
 9       *undergraduate members; Social Action, in which chapters*  
 10       *participate in activities that will uplift their communities,*  
 11       *including voter registration, Assault on Illiteracy, Habitat for*  
 12       *Humanity, mentoring, and fundraisers for charitable*  
 13       *organizations; Talent Hunt, which provides exposure,*  
 14       *encouragement, and financial assistance to talented young*  
 15       *people participating in the performing arts; Memorial Service,*  
 16       *which recalls the memory of those members who have entered*  
 17       *into Omega Chapter; Reclamation and Retention, a concerted*  
 18       *effort at the international, district, and local levels to retain*  
 19       *active brothers and return inactive brothers to full*  
 20       *participatory status; College Endowment Fund, which is an*  
 21       *annual contribution of at least \$50,000 to historically black*  
 22       *colleges and universities in furtherance of Omega Psi Phi's*  
 23       *commitment to provide philanthropic support; Health*  
 24       *Initiatives, which facilitates, participates in, and coordinates*  
 25       *activities that promote good health practices, including the*  
 26       *Charles Drew Blood Drive and partnership with the American*  
 27       *Diabetes Association; and Voter Registration, Education, and*  
 28       *Mobilization, which facilitates and participates in activities*  
 29       *that uplift their communities through the power of the vote;*

30       *Whereas, The Indiana chapters of Omega Psi Phi are Alpha*  
 31       *Chi, Gary; Alpha Kappa Kappa, Gary; Beta Xi, Evansville; Chi*  
 32       *Sigma, Indiana State University; Epsilon Beta Beta, Notre*  
 33       *Dame; Eta Delta, Indiana University Northwest; Kappa Theta,*  
 34       *Indianapolis; Nu Alpha Alpha, Bloomington; Nu Mu Nu,*  
 35       *Kokomo; Phi Mu Nu, Fishers; Rho Sigma, Purdue University;*  
 36       *Sigma Beta, Indiana University-Purdue University*  
 37       *Indianapolis; Tau Nu, Fort Wayne; Upsilon Beta, Ball State*  
 38       *University; Upsilon Kappa Kappa, Lafayette; Zeta Epsilon,*  
 39       *Indiana University Bloomington; and Zeta Phi, Indianapolis;*



1       *Whereas, Many renowned Americans from the business,*  
2       *professional, and educational areas have been members of*  
3       *Omega Psi Phi; and*

4       *Whereas, There are very few Americans whose lives have not*  
5       *been touched by a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:*  
6       *Therefore,*

7               *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
8               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

9       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
10       recognizes the many contributions made to our state and our  
11       nation by the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

12       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
13       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to  
14       Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and its 10th District  
15       representative.

