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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Smith V

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION welcoming members of the
2 Omega Psi Phi fraternity to the 83rd Tenth District Convention.

3 *Whereas, The 83rd Tenth District Convention of the Omega*
4 *Psi Phi Fraternity will be held in Indianapolis on April 16-19,*
5 *2020;*

6 *Whereas, The convention, hosted by the Zeta Phi Chapter,*
7 *will bring more than 400 fraternity members from Illinois,*
8 *Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to downtown*
9 *Indianapolis;*

10 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi, a predominantly African-American*
11 *organization of college men, was founded at Howard*
12 *University on November 17, 1911;*

13 *Whereas, The name Omega Psi Phi was derived from the*

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1 *initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to*
2 *the soul";*

3 *Whereas, Omega Psi Phi is guided by four principles:*
4 *"Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift";*

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

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

34 *Whereas, Many renowned Americans from the business,*
35 *professional, and educational areas have been members of*
36 *Omega Psi Phi; and*

37 *Whereas, There are very few Americans whose lives have not*



1 *been touched by a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.:*
2 *Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
4 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

5 SECTION 1. That Hoosiers across Indiana welcome visiting
6 members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to Indianapolis during
7 the 83rd Tenth District Convention.

8 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
9 honors the Zeta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi as the host for
10 the 83rd Tenth District Convention and wishes all attendees a
11 successful event.

12 SECTION 3. 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.

