

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., by Professor Ernest E. Just and three undergraduate students, Edgar A. Love, Frank Coleman, and Oscar J. Cooper; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity's name was derived from the initials of a Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul"; and

WHEREAS, manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift are the cardinal principles of the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi was the first black national fraternal organization to be founded at a historically black college; and

WHEREAS, notable Omega men include Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan, Carter G. Woodson, and Vernon Jordan; and

WHEREAS, for decades, members of this fraternity have been involved in the fight for social justice, from participating in sit-ins and other demonstrations to taking part in the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has instituted numerous programs within its chapters to further its principles, including voter registration, education, and mobilization; and

WHEREAS, among its many social action beneficiaries are Assault on Illiteracy, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of this respected fraternity work and volunteer to better their communities, and through their activities they have earned widespread respect as individuals and as a fraternity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the Louisiana State Capitol, does hereby commend the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, for their many accomplishments and contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that this wonderful organization brings to its community, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES