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HR 1118

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5 By: Representative Barnett
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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY,
10 INC., FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
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21 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was the first international
22 African American fraternity to be founded at a historically black college
23 when it was established on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in
24 Washington, D.C.; and
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26 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was created in the office of
27 Professor Ernest E. Just by Howard University students Edgar A. Love, Oscar
28 J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman; and
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30 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was formed from the initials
31 of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul", and that
32 phrase was adopted as the fraternity's motto; and
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34 WHEREAS, since its inception, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has aimed
35 to build a strong, effective, and dedicated force of African American men who
36 are committed to the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship,



1 perseverance, and uplift; and

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3 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., requires each of its members
4 to exhibit the qualities of its cardinal principles:

5 (1) Manhood, which is being appropriate in character and marked
6 by moral excellence;

7 (2) Scholarship, which is demonstrating an attitude toward
8 education of learning and being informed by achieving or exceeding and
9 maintaining the minimum educational requirements of the fraternity;

10 (3) Perseverance, which is exhibiting a spirit of brotherhood,
11 togetherness, humility, cooperation, and a willingness to go the extra mile
12 for the goal sought as a responsible first-class citizen; and

13 (4) Uplift, which is sharing one's gifts with the community in
14 the form of verifiable aid, activism, and leadership; and

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16 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has established itself as a
17 unique group of men that encourages a standard of excellence and community
18 service and assists in the building of character and leadership development
19 among men; and

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21 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., currently has over seven
22 hundred (700) chapters throughout the United States, including Hawaii, as
23 well as in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, China, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Japan,
24 Korea, Mexico, Panama, St. Croix and St. Thomas in the United States Virgin
25 Islands, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom; and

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27 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has twenty (20) graduate and
28 undergraduate chapters throughout the State of Arkansas; and

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30 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., actively participates in and
31 contributes to charitable organizations including Habitat for Humanity, the
32 American Diabetes Association, United Way, and the American Sickle Cell
33 Anemia Foundation; and

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35 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., gives at least fifty thousand
36 dollars (\$50,000) annually to the United Negro College Fund in furtherance of

1 the fraternity's commitment to provide philanthropic support for and to
2 invest in the education of future African American leaders; and
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4 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., consistently works to engage
5 community youth through youth mentorship programs, annual youth talent hunt
6 programming, and annual investments in higher education via the provision of
7 scholarships to local community youth who are either graduating from high
8 school or matriculating in college; and
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10 WHEREAS, the membership legacy of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.,
11 includes Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Wiley Branton, the Reverend Jesse Jackson,
12 Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Robert C. Weaver, Dr. Charles Drew, Langston Hughes,
13 Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., Governor Lawrence Douglas
14 Wilder, United States Congressman James E. Clyburn, Sterling Brown, Keith
15 Jackson, Corliss Williamson, Shaquille O'Neal, and Michael Jordan; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2025, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will celebrate its
18 one hundred fourteenth year of social action and service to the African
19 American community,
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21 NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 THAT the House of Representatives recognize and commend Omega Psi Phi
26 Fraternity, Inc., for outstanding service and leadership throughout the State
27 of Arkansas and around the world.
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
30 presented to the leadership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., by the Chief
31 Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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