

Senate Resolution 1133

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2012, as the Fourth Annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at
2 the capitol; and for other purposes.

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

7 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2012, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will celebrate "ONE
8 HUNDRED AND ONE YEARS OF SERVICE" to communities throughout the United
9 States and many countries throughout the world in many diverse fields of endeavor; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the first objective of "VOTE OR CRY" is to register as many eligible Georgia
13 citizens as possible to vote in 2012; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will inform and educate Georgia
20 citizens to "DIRECT" the voting of their elected officials, "EXPECT" their elected officials
21 to keep them informed on developing legislation and administrative changes, and to
22 "INSPECT" the results; and

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

28 WHEREAS, there are several distinguished Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who
29 serve in the Georgia legislature, including Representative Carl Von Epps, (1966, Psi
30 Chapter); Representative Joe Heckstall (1967, Kappa Epsilon Chapter); Representative
31 Winfred J. Dukes (1975, Gamma Zeta Chapter); Representative Quincy Murphy (1976 Psi
32 Omega Chapter); Representative Calvin Smyre (1980, Lambda Iota Chapter); and
33 Representative Ernest Smith (1981 Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter).

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 recognize Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and commend their exemplary public service and
36 the cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift endorsed by its
37 members.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.