

Senate Resolution 968

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2014, as the sixth annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at  
2 the state 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, 2013, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., celebrated "ONE  
8 HUNDRED AND TWO 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; 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" the 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-letter fraternities and sororities; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body  
35 recognize February 12, 2014, as the sixth annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at the  
36 state capitol and commend the fraternity's exemplary public service and the cardinal  
37 principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift endorsed by its 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.