

House Resolution 508

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th and Dukes of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., celebrates "ONE HUNDRED AND THREE
7 YEARS OF SERVICE" to communities throughout the United States and many countries
8 throughout the world in many diverse fields of endeavor; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, there are two distinguished Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who
28 serve in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Winfred J. Dukes (1975, Gamma
29 Zeta Chapter) and the Dean of the House, Representative Calvin Smyre (1980, Lambda Iota
30 Chapter).

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF THE
32 REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
33 Inc., and commend their exemplary public service and the cardinal principles of manhood,
34 scholarship, perseverance, and uplift endorsed by its members.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Omega
37 Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.