

## House Resolution 1277

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, and Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 9, 2016, as the eighth 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, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., celebrates "ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR  
8 YEARS OF SERVICE" to communities throughout the United States and many countries  
9 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  
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 two distinguished Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., who  
29 serve in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Winfred J. Dukes (1975, Gamma  
30 Zeta Chapter) and the Dean of the House, Representative Calvin Smyre (1980, Lambda Iota  
31 Chapter).

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize February 9, 2016, as the eighth annual Omega Psi Phi  
34 Fraternity, Inc., Day at the state capitol and commend their exemplary public service and the  
35 cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift endorsed by its  
36 members.

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