

House Resolution 181

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2017, as the ninth annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Day at the
2 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 FIVE
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 to "DIRECT" the voting of their elected officials, "EXPECT" the elected officials
18 to keep them informed on developing legislation and administrative changes, and
19 "INSPECT" the results; and

20 WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will partner and otherwise associate
21 with civically motivated organizations, including the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples'
22 Agenda, Georgia State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored

23 People, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and other
24 black Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize February 7, 2017, as the ninth annual Omega Psi Phi
31 Fraternity, Inc., Day at the state capitol and commend their exemplary public service and the
32 cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift endorsed by its
33 members.

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