

Senate Resolution 1092

By: Senator Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is an international fraternity with over 750
3 undergraduate and graduate chapters; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, by three Howard University
5 juniors, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper, and Frank Coleman, and their faculty
6 adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi is the first predominantly African-American fraternity to be
8 founded at a historically black university; and
- 9 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1911, Omega Psi Phi's stated purpose has been to attract
10 and build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of
11 manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift; and
- 12 WHEREAS, throughout the world, many notable members are recognized as leaders in the
13 arts, academics, athletics, entertainment, business, civil rights, education, government, and
14 science fields; and
- 15 WHEREAS, over 250,000 men have been initiated into Omega Psi Phi throughout the United
16 States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, South Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and
17 Kuwait; and
- 18 WHEREAS, since 1945, the fraternity has undertaken a National Social Action Program to
19 meet the needs of African Americans in the areas of health, housing, civil rights, and
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1924, at the urging of fraternity member Carter G. Woodson, the fraternity
22 launched Negro History and Literature Week in an effort to publicize the growing body of
23 scholarship on African-American history; and

24 WHEREAS, encouraged by public interest, the event was renamed "Negro Achievement
25 Week" in 1925 and given an expanded national presence in 1926 by Woodson's Association
26 for the Study of Negro Life as "Negro History Week"; and

27 WHEREAS, this week expanded to the full month of February in 1976, which continues to
28 be celebrated today as Black History Month; and

29 WHEREAS, delegates attending the meeting on Friday, March 23, 2018, will come from
30 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the rich history and many
32 accomplishments of this exemplary fraternity be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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