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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are visiting the
2 State Capitol on March 21, 2023, and this occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to honor the organization for its record of
4 leadership and service; and

5 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi was established by three students on
6 the campus of Howard University in 1911; the Ninth District of Omega
7 Psi Phi Fraternity was ratified 12 years later, expanding the
8 fraternity to Texas, as well as to Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma,
9 and California; today, the organization encompasses more than 750
10 undergraduate and graduate chapters across the United States and
11 around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, The fraternity encourages its members to strive for
13 academic excellence and to use their resources for the betterment
14 of society; working diligently toward the greater good, members
15 promote education, support voter registration, fight illiteracy,
16 volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and participate in numerous
17 other mentoring and fund-raising activities; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1945, Omega Psi Phi launched a National Social
19 Action Program to help address the needs of African Americans in the
20 areas of health, housing, civil rights, and education; recent
21 initiatives include "Brother, You're on My Mind," a collaboration
22 with the National Institute on Minority Health and Health
23 Disparities to start conversations about mental health; in 2022,
24 the fraternity formed a partnership with the Alzheimer's

1 Association to raise awareness of the disease in the Black
2 community and connect those affected and their families with
3 resources; and

4 WHEREAS, The men of Omega Psi Phi have distinguished
5 themselves through their countless good works, and they are to be
6 commended for their dedication to positive change and to the
7 principles that have guided this outstanding organization for more
8 than a century; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 21, 2023, as Omega Psi Phi Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
12 delegation.