SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 491

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Lew Blackburn, a 50-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, who is being honored by the Theta Alpha Chapter of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on November 17, 1911, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.; the first national fraternal organization to be founded at a historically Black college, Omega Psi Phi now has more than 750 chapters worldwide; and

WHEREAS, For more than a century, its members have promoted the fraternity's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; through character building, leadership development, and comradeship, the fraternity has built a dynamic force of men dedicated to serving their communities, advancing opportunities for African Americans, and empowering others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackburn was inducted into the Theta Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on March 31, 1975; over the years, he has remained a loyal member of the fraternity and has served as a role model to countless brothers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blackburn is truly deserving of recognition for his longtime membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and for the role he has played in carrying out the fraternity's mission to empower individuals and serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Lew Blackburn on his many achievements and contributions to his community and extend to him congratulations on being honored by the Theta Alpha Chapter as a 50-year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate