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H.R. No. 903

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pride in
2 joining the citizens of Texas in recognizing May 12, 2005, as Omega
3 Psi Phi Day at the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, was
5 organized on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington,
6 D.C., by Professor Ernest E. Just and three undergraduate students,
7 Edgar A. Love, Frank Coleman, and Oscar J. Cooper; the fraternity's
8 name was derived from the initials of a Greek phrase meaning
9 "friendship is essential to the soul"; and

10 WHEREAS, The fraternity's cardinal principles are manhood,
11 scholarship, perseverance, and uplift; notable Omega men and
12 upholders of these principles include Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan,
13 Carter G. Woodson, and Vernon Jordan; and

14 WHEREAS, For decades, members of this fraternity have been
15 involved in the fight for social justice, from participating in
16 sit-ins and other demonstrations to taking part in the activities
17 of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has instituted numerous programs
20 within its chapters to further its principles, including voter
21 registration, education, and mobilization; among its many social
22 action beneficiaries are Assault on Illiteracy, Habitat for
23 Humanity, and the American Diabetes Association; and

24 WHEREAS, The members of this respected organization

1 volunteer and participate in bettering their communities, and their
2 activities have earned them the respect and admiration of those who
3 know them; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated,
6 for its many contributions to the state and nation and welcome its
7 members as they visit the State Capitol; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for its members as an expression of esteem from the Texas
10 House of Representatives.