

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Omega Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the Louisiana State Capitol
3 and to commend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

4 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded on November 17,
5 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., by Professor Ernest E. Just and three
6 undergraduate students, Edgar A. Love, Frank Coleman, and Oscar J. Cooper; and

7 WHEREAS, the fraternity's name was derived from the initials of a Greek phrase
8 meaning "friendship is essential to the soul"; and

9 WHEREAS, manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift are the cardinal
10 principles of the fraternity; and

11 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi was the first black national fraternal organization to be
12 founded at a historically black college; and

13 WHEREAS, notable Omega men include Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan, Carter G.
14 Woodson, and Vernon Jordan; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has instituted numerous programs within its chapters to
19 further its principles, including voter registration, education, and mobilization; and

20 WHEREAS, among its many social action beneficiaries are Assault on Illiteracy,
21 Habitat for Humanity, and the American Diabetes Association; and

1 WHEREAS, the members of this respected fraternity work and volunteer to better
2 their communities, and through their activities they have earned widespread respect as
3 individuals and as a fraternity.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 recognize Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the Louisiana State Capitol,
6 does hereby commend the members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, for their
7 many accomplishments and contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for
8 the tremendous honor and pride that this wonderful organization brings to its community,
9 state, and nation.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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