

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for its community service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on April 14, 1962, at the Ninth District meeting at Southern University in Baton Rouge, after a group of eleven young men from the West Bank in New Orleans sought out a charter to establish a new social organization of like-minded men; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity are manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Rho Chapter has long been civically involved in the West Bank of Greater New Orleans; it hosts a variety of community activities such as Adopt a Family Program, Project Manhood Mentors Program, Annual Scholarship Program, Food Giveaway Program, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Rho Chapter has been heavily involved on the West Bank throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; they partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute more than three hundred food baskets; joined Boomtown Casino, the Elfrid Payton Foundation, and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in distributing food baskets to more than two hundred families; assisted InclusivCare health centers with COVID-19 immunizations on three separate occasions; conducted a COVID-19 immunization session at the Gamma Rho Foundation House for the citizens of Gretna; and participated in or hosted numerous other community service events; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has displayed its commitment to the people of the West Bank and is most deserving of recognition for its community involvement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., for its community service during the COVID-19 pandemic; does hereby recognize its dedication, for almost sixty years, to the people of the West Bank of New Orleans; and does hereby extend sincere hopes for continued effectiveness of its community involvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES