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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVES SELDERS, BRYANT, GREEN, AND YOUNG AND SENATOR HARRIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 8, 2024, as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day at the state capitol.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day at the state
3	capitol.
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 has endured for more than one hundred twelve years; and
8	WHEREAS, the fraternity's name was derived from the initials of a Greek phrase
9	meaning "friendship is essential to the soul"; and
10	WHEREAS, manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift are the cardinal
11	principles of the fraternity; and
12	WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi was the first national fraternal organization to be
13	founded at a historically black college; and
14	WHEREAS, notable Omega men include Michael Jordan, Carter G. Woodson, and
15	Vernon Jordan; and
16	WHEREAS, for decades, members of this fraternity have been involved in the fight
17	for social justice, from participating in sit-ins and other demonstrations to taking part in the
18	activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and
19	WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi has instituted numerous programs within its chapters to
20	further its principles, including voter registration, education, and mobilization; and

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WHEREAS, among its many social action beneficiaries are Assault on Illiteracy,
Habitat for Humanity, and the American Diabetes Association; and
WHEREAS, the members of this respected fraternity work and volunteer to better
their communities, and through their activities they have earned widespread respect as
individuals and as a fraternity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
designate Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day at the state

that this wonderful organization brings to its community, state, and nation.

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capitol and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride

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