

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 429

Commending the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is composed of approximately 2,000 members in 42 chapters throughout Washington, D.C., and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1911, has over 750 chapters throughout the world and its honorable members serve as leaders in a wide variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has a rich history, as it is home to the fraternity's birth chapter, Alpha Chapter at Howard University, as well as Lambda Omega Chapter in Norfolk, one of the oldest graduate chapters in the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, members of the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity include high-ranking military personnel, government officials, community leaders, judges, attorneys, influential pastors, successful entrepreneurs, and accomplished athletes; and

WHEREAS, the chapters of the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity strive to achieve the greatest possible positive impact in their communities, including through awarding tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships annually; and

WHEREAS, Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity chapters seek to provide mentoring and guidance to young men through programs such as the Youth Academy and Fatherhood Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity helps to aggressively combat societal ills through the Stop the Violence initiative and mentoring programs that serve homeless men; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished members of the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity put service above self and are committed to providing inspiration and guidance to youth, exceptional community assistance, and professional leadership to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., hereby be commended on striving to achieve the greatest possible positive impact in the communities where its chapters reside; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ezekiel Dennison, Jr., district representative for the Third District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's service, brotherhood, and proud tradition of serving the community.

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