

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

COMMENDATIONS: Recognizes Wednesday, May 22, 2019, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 22, 2019, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the Louisiana state
3 capitol 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 has endured for more than one hundred seven 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

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

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

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 22, 2019, as Omega Psi
8 Phi Day at the Louisiana state capitol; does hereby commend the members of Omega Psi Phi
9 Fraternity, Incorporated, for their many accomplishments and contributions; and does hereby
10 extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that this wonderful
11 organization brings to its community, state, and nation.

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

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