

By: Representative Espy

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY FOR ITS  
2 DEDICATION TO CREATE SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BY  
3 DELIVERING THE COMMUNITY'S ISSUES TO THE POLICY MAKERS DURING  
4 OMEGA PSI PHI'S MARCH TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

5 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was given life on November  
6 17, 1911, when three students, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and  
7 Frank Coleman, with the assistance of Professor Ernest E. Just,  
8 created an organization from the initials of the Greek phrase  
9 meaning "friendship is essential to the soul"; and

10 WHEREAS, these men sought to fill a gap within the community  
11 by promoting the principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance  
12 and uplift; characteristics necessary not only for the survival of  
13 a man, but the success of a man; and

14 WHEREAS, since its inception, thousands of Omega men have  
15 actively fought, as leaders and participants of vital historic  
16 demonstrations for social change, to create social change for the  
17 betterment of all people; and

18 WHEREAS, in the tradition of this phenomenal organization,  
19 its members have journeyed to the State's Capitol in a symbolic  
20 march to create social improvement within the community by  
21 delivering the community's issues to the policy makers; and

22 WHEREAS, because the organization's profound commitment is  
23 not simply a local commitment to the community but to the world,  
24 internationally mandated programs were established by Omega Psi  
25 Phi to ensure that its message would reach the masses; and

26 WHEREAS, these internationally mandated programs are:  
27 Achievement Week, Scholarship Programs, Social Action Programs,  
28 Talent Hunt Programs, the College Endowment Fund, Health

29 Initiatives, Voter Education and Mobilization, and membership in  
30 the NAACP; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
32 recognize the contributions made by community organizations such  
33 as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
36 commend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for its dedication to create  
37 social improvement within the community by delivering the  
38 community's issues to the policy makers during Omega Psi Phi's  
39 March to the State Capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
41 furnished to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and to the members of the  
42 Capitol Press Corps.