

By: Representatives Bell (65th), Bailey,
Blackmon, Hines, Taylor, Hughes, Anthony,
Karriem, Straughter, Watson, Gibbs (72nd),
Dixon

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. DAVID
2 MARION FOR BEING NAMED GRAND BASILEUS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY,
3 INC.

4 WHEREAS, elected as Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi
5 Fraternity, Inc., Dr. David Marion is tremendously dedicated to
6 serving his community through both his membership in this
7 outstanding fraternal institution and his distinguished career as
8 a professional counselor; and

9 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., founded on November
10 17, 1911, seeks to occupy a progressive, cooperative and
11 constructive place in the civic and political life in communities
12 across the nation and throughout the world, and since its
13 founding, Omega Psi Phi's mission has been to build a strong and
14 effective force of men dedicated to its Cardinal Principles of
15 Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, and from the
16 initials of the Greek phrase "friendship is essential to the
17 soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived and the phrase was
18 selected as the fraternity's motto; and



19 WHEREAS, as an outstanding Omega member, Dr. Marion holds a
20 doctor of philosophy, counseling and psychology degree and a
21 master's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling/counselor
22 from Mississippi State University, along with a bachelor's degree
23 in business administration and management from Jackson State
24 University, and as a licensed professional counselor in Alabama
25 and Mississippi, and a licensed marriage and family therapist in
26 Mississippi, Dr. Marion is state, nationally and internationally
27 certified in addictions counseling, nationally certified in
28 domestic violence counseling and nationally certified in
29 counseling criminals; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Marion has served as the Basileus and Vice
31 Basileus of the Eta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi in Starkville,
32 Mississippi, Regional Representative for Northern Mississippi,
33 State Marshal, State Scholarship Committee Chairman, First Vice
34 State Representative for Mississippi, State Representative for
35 Mississippi, Seventh District Recommendations and Rules Committee
36 Chairman, Seventh District Historian, First Vice Seventh District
37 Representative and the 19th Seventh District Representative, and
38 he now currently serves as the First Vice Grand Basileus of the
39 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

40 WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Dr. Marion is married to his
41 wife, Mrs. Joyce A. Cole-Marion, Ph.D., and they have been blessed
42 with two daughters, Chelsea and Chloe, and in addition to his
43 service with the fraternity, Dr. Marion and his wife own and



44 operate Marion Counseling Services, which provides short and long
45 term therapy, case management, psychological evaluations and
46 psychiatric services that are professional, confidential and
47 affordable to clients who are experiencing emotional and mental
48 difficulties; and

49 WHEREAS, with its long list of exceptional members who have
50 made tremendous contributions to the betterment of society through
51 their extensive and outstanding community service for more than
52 100 years, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has become a pinnacle
53 of hope within the State of Mississippi and across the globe, and
54 Dr. Marion is an integral part of the fraternity's success; and

55 WHEREAS, considered as a Titan in Omega, a mirror resemblance
56 of great Omega leaders of the past, Dr. David Marion remains
57 committed to being a man of sterling worth, with unsullied
58 character and perseverance and the rectitude to lend himself to
59 the coexistence of his fellow men, and he has always maintained a
60 very high standard of excellence throughout his fraternal and
61 professional careers; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
63 outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Dr. David
64 Marion, whose incredible dedication to community service brings
65 honor to his family, his community and to the State of
66 Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
68 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



69 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend Dr. David Marion
70 for being elected as Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
71 Inc., and extend best wishes for continued success in all of his
72 future endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to Dr. David Marion and to the members of the Capitol
75 Press Corps.

