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A senate RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR the Epsilon Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Epsilon Omega, the first graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. chartered in the “Mighty” Sixth District and the second oldest chapter overall; and

Whereas, founded primarily by employees of South Carolina State University on April 20, 1923, Epsilon Omega is the fifth‑oldest graduate chapter in the fraternity; and

Whereas, over the course of its history, the chapter has grown from five charter members to currently one‑hundred nineteen financial members, as of the 2021‑2022 fraternity year; and

Whereas, the first Greek lettered organization chartered in Orangeburg, Epsilon Omega has become a premier organization, offering the community service and social programs that have become the hallmark of its existence; and

Whereas, over the years, the chapter has been visited by such great Omega men as J. Alston Atkins, John E. Potts, Ellis Corbett, Benjamin E. Mays, Moses C. Norman, C. Tyrone Gilmore, and others; and

Whereas, the chapter has provided several Sixth District Representatives, namely, Brothers Bing Miller, J. Herbert Nelson, T. J. Crawford, Lewie C. Roache, Walter L. Funderburk, Sr., Octavio Miro, and, most recently, Bro Howard Jackson. Of these seven, Brother Roache was the oldest living District Representative in the Sixth District. Harold A. Jenkins, Sr. served as Sixth District Keeper of Records and Seal; and

Whereas, Brother Robert Hemby, II currently serves as the chapter’s Sixth District Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother Jamie R. Brunson serves as the Sixth District Director of Public Relations, and Brother Howard Jackson serves as the Sixth District Event Planner. Brother Jackson is also a past Sixth District Keeper of Finance. Many chapter brothers, like Andrew Hugine, Carl Carpenter, Allen H. Fleming, John L. Rice, Jr., Robert Hemby, II, Henry Graham, George Watson, Abraham Turner, Darryl Brockington, Fred S. Mack, Eryl Smalls, and Willie Booker have served as chairmen or members of chapter and district committees; and

Whereas, Epsilon Omega is known for its community service programs, including the chapter’s scholarship program, which awards scholarships to worthy high school and college students, and the Achievement Week program, which features the chapter’s Citizen of the Year, Founder’s Award, Omega Man of the Year, and Superior Service Award winners from the previous fraternity year; and

Whereas, one of the most vital of the chapter’s programs is the Social Action Program. Through this program, the chapter participates in support of the Charles R Drew Blood Drive, Voter Registration, the Adopt‑A‑Highway Project, and the Sixth District Boys Summer Camp Program, among other sponsored events; and

Whereas, Epsilon Omega has served and continues to serve as the role model for the area’s undergraduate and graduate chapters, collaborating with Xi Psi at South Carolina State University, Lambda Sigma at Claflin University, and Sigma Theta at Voorhees University; and

Whereas, currently leading the work of Epsilon Omega into the next century of service are Fred Shawn Mack (Basileus), Omar Benjamin (Vice Basileus), Vincent Sanders (Keeper of Records and Seal), Leonarde Cain (Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal), Anthony Watson (Keeper of Finance), Moses Brown (Assistant Keeper of Finance), James Cromartie and Jamie Brunson (Chaplains), Derrick Gray (Keeper of Peace), Darrell Smith (Parliamentarian), Brian Young (Chapter Reporter and Editor to the Oracle), and Jamie R. Brunson (Immediate Past Basileus); and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment that Epsilon Omega has shown in serving the people and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Epsilon Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Epsilon Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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