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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., founded at Howard
3 University on November 17, 1911, stands as a beacon of
4 excellence in service, education, and leadership within the
5 African American community and beyond; and

6 WHEREAS, The biennial Omega Psi Phi Conclave is a
7 gathering of thousands of fraternity members and guests to
8 celebrate brotherhood, fellowship, and a shared commitment to
9 manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, making it one
10 of the largest and most impactful gatherings of African
11 American leaders, professionals, and innovators in the world;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Chicago has long been a hub for African American
14 culture, history, and progress, and the city is home to
15 numerous leaders of national and global significance,
16 including Omega Psi Phi members Reverend Jesse Jackson, Dr.
17 Benjamin Elijah Mays, and Benjamin Lawson Hooks; and

18 WHEREAS, Chicago's near south side neighborhood, a cradle
19 of African American history and innovation, and the city's
20 robust infrastructure, which includes McCormick Place, the
21 largest convention center in North America, makes Chicago
22 uniquely qualified to host an event of such magnitude and

1 prestige; and

2 WHEREAS, Chicago is a city of firsts, with a history of
3 hosting world-class events and conferences, including the NATO
4 Summit, the NBA All-Star Game, and countless other gatherings
5 that have drawn global attention and acclaim, showcasing the
6 city's capacity for excellence in hospitality and logistics;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Hosting the 2028 Omega Psi Phi Conclave in
9 Chicago would provide a significant economic boost to the city
10 and the State, while also offering Omega Psi Phi an
11 opportunity to engage the local community through service
12 initiatives, mentorship programs, and cultural events that
13 align with the fraternity's core principles; and

14 WHEREAS, The selection of Chicago would honor Omega Psi
15 Phi's historical ties to the city, including the academic and
16 professional contributions of its founders, such as Dr. Ernest
17 Everett Just, who earned his Ph.D. from the University of
18 Chicago, and Professor Frank Coleman and Bishop Edgar Love,
19 who also studied in Chicago; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we strongly urge the Supreme Council of Omega Psi Phi

1 Fraternity, Inc. to select Chicago as the host city for the
2 2028 Omega Psi Phi Conclave, recognizing the city's
3 unparalleled history, infrastructure, and alignment with the
4 fraternity's mission of service and uplift; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Supreme Council of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
7 Inc., the Governor of Illinois, the Mayor of the City of
8 Chicago, and the Illinois Office of Tourism.