



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Burnel Elton Coulon has served Omega Psi Phi
3 Fraternity for over half a century; his service to the
4 fraternity has spanned five districts during his tenure; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coulon was influenced by the men of Rho Phi
6 Chapter in his native New Orleans and was initiated through
7 Lambda Epsilon at Tuskegee Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from the Tuskegee Institute,
9 Mr. Coulon transferred his membership to Iota Omicron, which
10 served the Delta of Mississippi; he became its Basileus and was
11 later elected to the second highest office of the Seventh
12 District as First Vice President; and

13 WHEREAS, While a graduate student at North Carolina A&T
14 State University, Mr. Coulon became associated with Mu Psi and
15 was named its 1975 Outstanding Graduate Alumnus of the Year; he
16 later became affiliated with the Fifth District through Theta
17 Omega in Louisville, Kentucky and the Tenth District through
18 Zeta Phi in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

19 WHEREAS, As Basileus of Zeta Phi, Mr. Coulon developed a
20 program that rewards academic achievement; this program
21 continues to provide thousands of dollars in financial aid to
22 youth seeking higher education; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Coulon's administration as District
24 Representative has employed undergraduates in responsible
25 positions of influence, making use of the skills they learned
26 in the classroom and providing valuable experience for their
27 development; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Coulon is a patient and respectful
29 administrator, an articulate spokesman and crusader, an

1 inspiring leader, and a warm human being who believes in the
2 Omega experience and gives of himself to repay the rich
3 heritage the fraternity has given to him; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Burnel Elton Coulon on his more than 50 years
7 of service to the youth of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Burnel Elton Coulon as an expression of our
11 respect and esteem.