SHORT TITLE: Concurrent Resolution recognizing contributions of Mr. Ted Bird and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; distribution.
A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions of Mr. Ted Bird and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ted Bird was initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ada Elks Lodge Number 1640, in 1980, and has served as a member and chair of many important committees and held every elected and appointed office within the Ada Lodge Number 1640, culminating in his election to the high office of Exalted Ruler of the Ada Lodge in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bird was elected Vice President of the Southeast District of the Oklahoma Elks Association in 1990, having been chair of the Public Relations Committee, Convention Committee, and Lodge Activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bird organized and supervised the Billy O. Wilson Golf Tournament that generates more than $5,000.00 for major projects of the Elks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bird was designated by the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as District Deputy for 1991 - 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bird served as President Elect of the Oklahoma Elks Association in 1994 - 1995 and as President in 1995 - 1996; and
WHEREAS, after members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nationwide raised $226,000.00 for victims of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing, the Oklahoma Elks Association under Mr. Bird's leadership was trusted with the administration and disbursement of the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature acknowledges and expresses its appreciation of the contributions of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nationwide and particularly within the state of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the contributions of Mr. Ted Bird to his community, state, and country through his distinguished service and leadership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates Mr. Ted Bird on successful completion of his term as President of the Oklahoma Elks Association.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Ted Bird, the Oklahoma Elks Association, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ada Elks Lodge Number 1640.

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