

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1131

By: Cargill and Toure

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Fred Perry and Mike Mass as Co-Deans of the House; praising their accomplishments; acknowledging their contributions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it is a loss to the State of Oklahoma and the House of Representatives with the retirement of Fred Perry and Mike Mass, Co-Deans of the House; and

WHEREAS, Fred Perry, at the pleasure of the Speaker, has proudly served as the Chair of the Transportation Committee and as a member of the Corrections and Criminal Justice Committee, the Higher Education Committee, and the Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Mass, at the pleasure of the Speaker has proudly served as a member of the Rules Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Wildlife Committee; and

WHEREAS, Fred has served the people of Oklahoma and the citizens of House District 69 for the last twelve years, 4 months and 23 days; and

WHEREAS, Mike has served the people of Oklahoma and the citizens of House District 17 for 14 years, 9 months and 24 days, with a two-year hiatus to run for Congress; and

WHEREAS, Fred Perry has continuously strived to strengthen the bonds across the partisan aisle and embraced and encouraged his former seatmate and good friend, Opio Toure; and

WHEREAS, Mike Mass has continuously strived to represent his constituents and especially his alter ego, R.D. Rodabush; and

WHEREAS, Fred has shared his knowledge of parliamentary procedure to encourage and teach the younger members; and

WHEREAS, Mike has shared his extensive knowledge of the procedures needed to obtain and maintain a high-quality wig; and

WHEREAS, Fred is currently the only member of the House to be a proud graduate of the University of Kansas and the number one fan of the Jayhawks; and

WHEREAS, Mike is a proud graduate of the E-I-E-I-O School of Coon Hunting and Fishing and the proud author of the Fred Morgan Gun Safety Program cartoon book for legislators; and

WHEREAS, House members know Fred as a longtime supporter of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame and the House of Representatives number one Jazz Fan; and

WHEREAS, House members know Mike as a longtime gardener, growing a large amount of sweet corn and having a sweet corn fest and inviting the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Fred has served as the House resident Tennis Pro, Majority Caucus Vice-chairman, and was honored twice in 1996 and 2001 as legislator of the year for Oklahomans for Children and Families and Oklahoma Community-Based Providers respectively; and

WHEREAS, Mike will be missed for the fantastic, imaginary, funny, humorous, startling and spectacular stories; and

WHEREAS, Fred will be missed for the elegant, eloquent, articulate, expressive, succinct and concise oration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors Fred Perry and Mike Mass for their service to the citizens of House District 69 and House District 17 and the people of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives acknowledges the accomplishments and contributions of Fred Perry and Mike Mass.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes them well in their future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Representatives Fred Perry, House District 69, and Mike Mass, House District 17.

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