

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1015

By: Wallace, Babinec, Baker, Bennett (Forrest), Bennett (John), Biggs, Blancett, Bush, Caldwell, Calvey, Cannaday, Casey, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Derby, Dollens, Downing, Dunlap, Dunnington, Echols, Enns, Faught, Fetgatter, Ford, Fourkiller, Frix, Gann, Goodwin, Griffith, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hilbert, Hoskin, Humphrey, Inman, Jordan, Kannady, Kerbs, Kouplen, Lawson, Lepak, Loring, Lowe, Martin, Martinez, McBride, McCall, McDaniel, McDugle, McEachin, McEntire, Meredith, Montgomery, Moore, Mulready, Munson, Murdock, Murphey, Newton, Nichols, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn (Leslie), Osburn (Mike), Ownbey, Park, Perryman, Pfeiffer, Proctor, Renegar, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rogers, Russ, Sanders, Sears, Stone, Strohm, Tadlock, Teague, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walke, Watson, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Worthen, Wright and Young

A Resolution commending Charlie Debus, President of the Oklahoma Elks Association, and Michael Zellen, Grand Exalted Ruler; offering congratulations and best wishes for future endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Charlie Debus, President of the Oklahoma Elks Association, lived in the Tulsa area and worked for American

Airlines while volunteering his free time with the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debus discovered his passion for volunteering during his time with the Red Cross which led him to the Elks organization where he joined the Sand Springs Elks Lodge in 1996; and

WHEREAS, while at the Sand Springs Elks Lodge, Mr. Debus volunteered for a number of years before becoming President of the local lodge in 2005; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from American Airlines in 2007, Mr. Debus knew he wanted to be more involved in the Elks organization and moved to Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debus found his new home with the Midwest City Elks and chaired various committees within the local lodge, district and state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Debus worked his way up the organization by becoming Vice President and District Deputy of the Southwest District before being elected as the State President of the organization; and

WHEREAS, President Debus has always focused on the good projects of the Elks and been available to help wherever he is needed; and

WHEREAS, Michael F. Zellen, Grand Exalted Ruler to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, has been employed in the banking industry for the last 44 years and served both of the cities of Everett and Peabody, Massachusetts, as a member of the City Council, the Everett School Committee and various local boards for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zellen was initiated into the Everett, Massachusetts, Lodge of Elks in 1968 where he served as Esquire before proceeding through the chairs to serve as Exalted Ruler, and then served as Lodge Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized a number of times for his service to the Lodge, including being named Officer of the Year, Elk of the Year, and having been awarded Honorary Life Membership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zellen has served the Massachusetts Elks Association as Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Fund Director, State Treasurer, State President, State Charity Fund Advisory Committee member, State Convention Chairman, State President's Advisory Committee member, Chairman of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Reception, and was selected "Massachusetts State Elk of the Year" in 1997-1998; and

WHEREAS, he has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Massachusetts East District, Area Special Representative of Massachusetts Area 3, Grand Lodge Committeeman on Lodge Activities/State Associations, Area 1 Representative on the Board of Grand Trustees and Secretary of the Board and Vice Chairman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Charlie Debus for an outstanding year as President of the Oklahoma Elks Association.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the excellent leadership of Michael Zellen.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates President Debus and Grand Exalted Ruler Zellen and wishes them well in their future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Charlie Debus and Michael Zellen.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of April,
2017.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.
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