

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1030

By: Sears

A Resolution recognizing and applauding the accomplishments and service to community goals of Mr. Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and Mr. James M. (Mike) Robinson, State President of the Oklahoma Elks Association; commending their excellent leadership and continued service; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is to assist in building stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling this mission the Elks invest in community programs, scholarship programs, drug awareness programs, veteran service programs and other programs and grants which are of immense benefit to this country; and

WHEREAS, the leadership for the Elks, both on the national and state level, provides the strong foundation that makes the Elks so successful and admired for the work they do; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, has been a dedicated member of the Elks since 1981, when he was initiated into Lyndhurst Lodge No. 1505; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson was installed as Lodge Esquire in 1982 and continued on as Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight and was elected as Exalted Ruler in 1986-1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson continued to serve his Lodge in many capacities, including Justice of the Subordinate Forum from 1987 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson achieved Honorable Life Membership in April 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson served as Chairman for the New Jersey North Central District Ritual Committee and also became a certified Ritualistic judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson served as an attorney for both the New Jersey State Elks Association Convention and Special Children's Committee and was also Chairman of the New Jersey State Laws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson was elected President of the New Jersey State Elks Association 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, at the Grand Lodge level, Mr. McPherson was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New Jersey's North Central District in 1995-1996, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman in 2002-2003, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in 2003-2005, member of the Grand Forum from 2005 until 2010, serving as the Chief Justice, Chairman of the Pardon Commission in 2009-2010 and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of New Jersey from 2009 to the present; and

WHEREAS, James M. (Mike) Robinson, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, joined the Bartlesville Elks Lodge No. 1060 in the late 1980s and has been a loyal member of that Lodge for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, during that time Mr. Robinson has served in all chairs except for Chaplain and Leading Knight; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has been Exalted Ruler seven times and served many years as Lodge trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson currently serves as Lodge auditor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served as North East District Grand Exalted Ruler in 2010 and served as State Convention Chairman from 2008 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served as Oklahoma Elks Association President-Elect in 2016 and was elected State President of the Oklahoma Elks Association in 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the accomplishments and service to community goals of Mr. Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and Mr. James M. (Mike) Robinson, State President of the Oklahoma Elks Association, are hereby recognized and applauded.

THAT Mr. Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. is hereby commended for his excellent leadership for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

THAT Mr. James M. (Mike) Robinson is hereby commended for his excellent leadership for the Oklahoma Elks Association.

THAT Mr. McPherson and Mr. Robinson are hereby commended for their continued service to an organization that provides so much to our communities.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to Mr. Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. and Mr. James M. (Mike) Robinson.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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