

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE

5 RESOLUTION 1030

By: Sears

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson was installed as Lodge Esquire in 1982
6 and continued on as Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal
7 Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight and was elected as Exalted Ruler in
8 1986-1987; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson continued to serve his Lodge in many
10 capacities, including Justice of the Subordinate Forum from 1987-
11 2005; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, at the Grand Lodge level, Mr. McPherson was appointed
24 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New Jersey's North Central

1 District in 1995-1996, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman in 2002-
2 2003, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in 2003-2005, member of the
3 Grand Forum from 2005 until 2010, serving as the Chief Justice,
4 Chairman of the Pardon Commission in 2009-2010 and Special Deputy
5 Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of New Jersey from 2009 to the
6 present; and

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served as North East District Grand
16 Exalted Ruler in 2010 and served as State Convention Chairman from
17 2008 to 2015; and

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

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

23 THAT the accomplishments and service to community goals of Mr.
24 Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and

1 Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and Mr.
2 James M. (Mike) Robinson, State President of the Oklahoma Elks
3 Association, are hereby recognized and applauded.

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

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

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

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

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