

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1030

By: Sears

AS INTRODUCED

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

1 America, has been a dedicated member of the Elks since 1981, when he  
2 was initiated into Lyndhurst Lodge No. 1505; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, at the Grand Lodge level, Mr. McPherson was appointed  
22 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New Jersey's North Central  
23 District in 1995-1996, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman in 2002-  
24 2003, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in 2003-2005, member of the

1 Grand Forum from 2005 until 2010, serving as the Chief Justice,  
2 Chairman of the Pardon Commission in 2009-2010 and Special Deputy  
3 Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of New Jersey from 2009 to the  
4 present; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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