Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1006

By: Denney, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Brown, Brumbaugh, Caldwell, Calvey, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff), Cooksey, Cox, Derby, Dunlap, Dunnington, Echols, Enns, Faught, Fisher, Fourkiller, Grau, Griffith, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Inman, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kannady, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Leewright, Lepak, Lockhart, Loring, Martin, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Montgomery, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murdock, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Park, Perryman, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rogers, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Stone, Strohm, Tadlock, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood, Wright and Young of the House

and

Halligan of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution commending Susan Tallchief Vrana, President of the Oklahoma Elks Association; offering congratulations and best wishes for future endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Susan Tallchief Vrana, President of the Oklahoma Elks Association, was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, the second of seven children of Hildred and Charles Galipeu; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana was raised in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and attended public schools there; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana began her thirty-two-year career in Creek County government while still in high school, working in the County Treasurer's office and later working in the County Assessor's office, and was elected as County Assessor at the age of thirty-four; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Vrana's tenure in office, she was active in the County Officers and Deputies Association as well as the County Assessors and Deputies Association, holding every office in the associations; and

WHEREAS, during those years, Ms. Vrana assumed a large role in the enactment of the Ad Valorem Reform laws in the 1980s and was the first Assessor to graduate from the mandatory educational curriculum; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from county government, Ms. Vrana became a licensed abstractor working for Creek County Abstract and Title Company, prior to marrying her late husband, Chuck Vrana and moving to Shawnee, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana is blessed with two children, Steven B. Jones and Veronica White and two grandchildren, Tyler and Mallory. All reside in the Sapulpa area where they were born and raised; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana's journey in Elkdom began in the Sand Springs Lodge where she served as Exalted Ruler. She additionally served the Grand Lodge in the capacity of District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler as well as being elected Northeast District Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, this year the focus of Ms. Vrana's committee on Safety and Accident Prevention has been on responsible beverage service, enlisting the aid of the ABLE Commission to provide an education program at all four District Vice-Presidents' meetings; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana, proud member of the Cushing-Drumright Lodge, was elected President of the Oklahoma Elks Association for 2014-2015, becoming the first female to hold this esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, during the ritual of initiation, President Vrana was indelibly impressed by a particular passage: "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good to one another, for we pass this way but once."; and

WHEREAS, it has always been President Vrana's goal to focus on the good projects of the Elks, including service to veterans in hospitals and homes, scholarships to worthy students, the Hoop Shoot Contest which motivates and inspires young athletes, the Cadet Lawmen Academy and Special Olympics, just to mention a few of the Elks' worthwhile activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Susan Tallchief Vrana for an outstanding year as President of the Oklahoma Elks Association.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates President Vrana and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Susan Tallchief Vrana.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 6th day of May, 2015, at 3:07 o'clock P. M.

By: C. Benge