

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1006

By: Denney of the House

and

Halligan of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana, proud member of the Cushing-Drumright Lodge,
2 was elected President of the Oklahoma Elks Association for 2014-
3 2015, becoming the first female to hold this esteemed position; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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24 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.