

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1006

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

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16 and

17 Halligan of the Senate
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20 A Concurrent Resolution commending Susan Tallchief
21 Vrana, President of the Oklahoma Elks Association;
offering congratulations and best wishes for future
22 endeavors; and directing distribution.
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1 WHEREAS, Susan Tallchief Vrana, President of the Oklahoma Elks
2 Association, was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, the second of
3 seven children of Hildred and Charles Galipeu; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Vrana, proud member of the Cushing-Drumright Lodge,
14 was elected President of the Oklahoma Elks Association for 2014-
15 2015, becoming the first female to hold this esteemed position; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of April,
13 2015.

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16 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

17 Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2015.

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20 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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