

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1061

By: Roberts (Dustin)

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution commending Ronald L. Hicks for an
10 outstanding year as Grand Exalted Ruler of the
11 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United
12 States of America; congratulating him and wishing him
13 well in future endeavors; and providing for
14 distribution.

15 WHEREAS, Ronald L. (Ron) Hicks was born, and continues to live,
16 in Fredericksburg, Virginia; and

17 WHEREAS, he graduated from Spotsylvania High School, Chowan
18 Junior College and Lynchburg College, and received his law degree
19 from the University of Richmond Law School in 1972; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks practiced law in the Fredericksburg area for
21 over 40 years and currently serves of counsel to the law firm of
22 Jarrell Hicks & Waldman. While retired from the active practice of
23 law, he devotes most of his time to other business interests,
24 including Jarrell Properties, LLC, a residential and commercial
 development and management company; and

1 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for
2 Union Bank & Trust Company and Union Bankshares Corporation for the
3 past 25 years. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of The
4 Riverside Center for the Performing Arts and serves on the Board of
5 Trustees of Chowan University; and

6 WHEREAS, he has coached many youth sports teams in baseball,
7 softball, basketball and soccer, and served as the former president
8 of the Battlefield Basketball Officials Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks was initiated into Fredericksburg, Virginia,
10 Lodge No. 875 in 1972. He has served on numerous committees for the
11 lodge, and served as chairman or cochairman for a number of lodge
12 construction projects. He was named a former Elk of the Year, was
13 named an Honorary Life Member, and remains very active in the lodge
14 today; and

15 WHEREAS, on the state level, Mr. Hicks has served as Association
16 Inner Guard, State Legal Advisor, Vice President of the Central
17 District, and was elected Virginia State President in 2009. In
18 addition, he has been recognized by the state association as Officer
19 of the Year and Elk of the Year, won the Eleven O'clock Toast
20 Contest, and currently serves as Chairman of the VEA Board of
21 Trustees and as General Chairman of the State Orientation Committee;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, at the grand lodge level, he has served as District
24 Deputy for the Central District of Virginia and as a Certified

1 Ritual Judge. In 2007, he was appointed to the Committee on
2 Judiciary, representing Area 3, an experience that introduced him
3 to, and allowed him to work with, many lodges and Elk members; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Hicks was elected to a four-year term on
5 the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Chairman of the Board in
6 2013-2014. While on the Board, he was appointed to serve as
7 Building Applications-East member, Investment and Pension member,
8 and Home Member prior to his election as Chairman. During his time
9 on the Board, he worked diligently with other Board members to
10 resolve significant issues at the Elks National Home in Bedford,
11 Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent
13 and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. for 2015-2016; and

14 WHEREAS, Grand Exalted Ruler Hicks married his devoted wife,
15 Nancy, in 1969, and together they are blessed with three children
16 and eight grandchildren. They are lifelong members of Fairview
17 Baptist Church.

18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby commend
21 Ronald L. Hicks for an outstanding year of service to the citizens
22 of this great nation and for a successful year of leadership as
23 Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
24 of the United States of America.

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates Grand
2 Exalted Ruler Hicks and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Grand Exalted
4 Ruler Hicks.

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