

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3050

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLEOPHAS (CLEO)
FIELDS**

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields was born in Idabel, Oklahoma in 1938 and has lived and worked in Oklahoma County for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields is a 1956 graduate of Douglas High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields has been blessed with seven children, more than a dozen grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields served two years in the United States Army and nine years in the Oklahoma National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields spent more than two decades cooking and working in hotel restaurants throughout Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields was a successful restaurant owner and operator for 15 years, with restaurants in Oklahoma and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields has spent over 28 years serving the Oklahoma City community by providing professional shoeshine services. He was a blessing to everybody who passed his stand. Although Cleo was a man of few words, he will always be known for his generous spirit, enormous smile, and kind heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields received several awards throughout his life, including the Liberty Bell Award in 2019, which is a prestigious recognition presented to non-lawyers who have contributed to strengthening the American system of justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fields leaves behind a rich legacy of love, service, and community-building, his life will continue to inspire generations to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cleophas (Cleo) Fields is remembered as a beloved community leader, a trailblazer, and as declared by the County Commissioners in 2023 as an official “Courthouse Legend”; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, in remembrance of his legacy of friendship, love, and compassion the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners does hereby order that Cleo Fields will become the first person in history to Lie in State within the Oklahoma County Courthouse on Monday, August 4, 2025, the highest honor the county can bestow.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

District 1 Commissioner

District 2 Commissioner

District 3 Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk