R. HAL LONG PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

R. Hal Long of Garber, Oklahoma, USA, served a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 65th International Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, June 30-July 3, 1982.

Past Director Long is retired. He formerly was a co-owner in farm implement dealerships, farming and ranching, and oil production and exploration.

A member of the Garber Lions Club since 1951, Past Director Long has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairman and district governor. In addition, Past Director Long has served as president of the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, president of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, director of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank and chairman of the Oklahoma Lions Irrevocable Trust. He was a board appointee in 1984-85 and 1989-90. He served as chairman of the District Governor-elect seminar in Australia, sector coordinator for Campaign SightFirst and served on planning committees for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

In recognition of his service on behalf of the association, Past Director Long has received numerous awards including the 100% District Governor Award, a Master Key Award, a 40-year Perfect Attendance Award, three International President's Leadership Awards, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Lions of Oklahoma have awarded him the Dr. Robert D. "Bob" McCullough Meritorious Award, which is given for outstanding service, loyalty and devotion to the objects and furtherance of Lions Clubs International.

Active in his community, Past Director Long has served as president and secretary of the Garber Chamber of Commerce, as city councilman and also as a 10-year board member of the Area Vocational-Technical School, Oklahoma State Council on Vocation Education and the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. He is also active in many other community and civic organizations.

Past Director Long is a member of his church's choir. He and his wife, Jean, have two children and two grandsons.