

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 23

By: Bullard, Allen, Bergstrom,  
Boren, Brooks, Burns,  
Coleman, Dahm, Daniels,  
David, Dossett (J.A.),  
Dossett (J.J.), Dugger,  
Floyd, Garvin, Hall,  
Hamilton, Haste, Hicks,  
Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd,  
Kirt, Leewright, Matthews,  
McCortney, Merrick,  
Montgomery, Murdock,  
Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,  
Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn,  
Rader, Rogers, Rosino,  
Simpson, Standridge,  
Stanley, Stephens, Taylor,  
Thompson, Treat, Weaver,  
and Young of the Senate

and

Roberts (Dustin) of the  
House

15 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing 100-year-old Navy  
16 Veteran Lt. Janet Jo Jefferis McMeans Tompkins for  
her service during World War II.

18 WHEREAS, Janet Jo Jefferis McMeans Tompkins was born in 1922  
19 during the days of prohibition, jazz, and flappers; and

20 WHEREAS, after the United States entered World War II, Janet Jo  
21 saw her three male cousins serving in the war and thought she could  
22 do it too; and

23 WHEREAS, she enlisted in the Naval Reserves on Oct. 23, 1943.  
24 She was accepted in the Women's Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve,

1 Apprentice Seamen, Class V-9, received her orders and reported to  
2 her commanding officer on Dec. 9, 1943; and

3 WHEREAS, at 21 years of age, Janet Jo took her oath of  
4 enlistment. Seaman Jefferis learned the basics about airplanes and  
5 boats, studied Morse Code and flag signaling; and

6 WHEREAS, on April 4, 1944, Janet Jo was assigned for duty to the  
7 Communications Intelligence Subdivision in the Washington D.C.  
8 Office of Naval Communications. She worked in a top-secret office,  
9 and Janet Jo lived by the code of "loose lips sink ships"; and

10 WHEREAS, Janet Jo was promoted to Lieutenant on July 1, 1945,  
11 and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in 1946. Her  
12 commendations at the end of the war included World War II Victory  
13 Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, and  
14 American Campaign Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 5, 1946, Janet Jo was given her honorable  
16 discharge and her notice of separation from the U.S. Naval Service,  
17 but remained a member of the Naval Reserves until March 21, 1951.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
19 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature is excited to celebrate Lt.  
22 Janet Jo Jefferis McMeans Tompkins' 100th birthday in July.

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1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature applauds her service to our  
2 nation during World War II and recognizes her as an Oklahoma and a  
3 national treasure.

4        Adopted by the Senate the 30th day of March, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8        Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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