

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1017

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A Resolution proclaiming March 29, 2021, as Captain Bob Ford Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, March 29, 2021, is National Vietnam War Veterans Day and Oklahoma's veteran population has a unique and rich history; and

WHEREAS, Captain Robert L. Ford is a native Oklahoman, born in Shawnee, graduated from the Army ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma in 1966, volunteered for Army helicopter flight school and, within one year, was flying combat in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, now 1st Lieutenant Ford, arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam, was assigned to the 282nd Air Assault Company, nicknamed the "Black Cats", and by September 1967 was in command of the furthest northern detachment in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, during his time in Vietnam, Captain Ford flew over 1,000 combat missions, including the besieged outpost at Huong Hoa in January 1968 in the siege of Khe Sahn, the Tet Offensive and manned the perimeter of the MACV compound in Hue against a three-day ground attack; and

WHEREAS, for his bravery and commitment to his fellow troops and country, Captain Ford received the Bronze Star Medal as well as the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters denoted with a "V" for his act of heroism; and

WHEREAS, 50 years later Captain Bob Ford's continual commitment and dedication have earned him the induction into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, the prestigious "Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award", the privilege of being honored by his alma mater, the University of Oklahoma, recognition

as the Oklahoma House of Representatives "Veteran of the Week" and recognition at the Oklahoma History Center for his work in helping create its outdoor "Tip of the Spear Exhibit"; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ford continues working hard to serve his hometown of Okeene, his country and the State of Oklahoma in schools, civic groups and organizations with generous donations of his time and personal resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT March 29, 2021, is hereby proclaimed to be "Captain Bob Ford Day".

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors Captain Bob Ford and appreciates the work he has done for veterans and all Oklahomans.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Captain Bob Ford.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 29th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.  
By: \_\_\_\_\_