

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Dobrinski

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9                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

23                   WHEREAS, during his time in Vietnam, Captain Ford flew over  
24 1,000 combat missions, including the besieged outpost at Huong Hoa

1 in January 1968 in the siege of Khe Sahn, the Tet Offensive and  
2 manned the perimeter of the MACV compound in Hue against a three-day  
3 ground attack; and

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

8 WHEREAS, 50 years later Captain Bob Ford's continual commitment  
9 and dedication have earned him the induction into the Oklahoma  
10 Military Hall of Fame, the prestigious "Major General Douglas O.  
11 Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award", the privilege of being  
12 honored by his alma mater, the University of Oklahoma, recognition  
13 as the Oklahoma House of Representatives "Veteran of the Week" and  
14 recognition at the Oklahoma History Center for his work in helping  
15 create its outdoor "Tip of the Spear Exhibit"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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7 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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