

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, she enlisted in the Naval Reserves on Oct. 23, 1943.
5 She was accepted in the Women's Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve,
6 Apprentice Seamen, Class V-9, received her orders and reported to
7 her commanding officer on Dec. 9, 1943; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Janet Jo was promoted to Lieutenant on July 1, 1945,
16 and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in 1946. Her
17 commendations at the end of the war included World War II Victory
18 Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, and
19 American Campaign Medal; and

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

23

24

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

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

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature applauds her service to our
7 nation during World War II and recognizes her as an Oklahoma and a
8 national treasure.

9
10 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24