

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 23

By: Bullard of the Senate

and

Roberts (Dustin) of the
House

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Janet Jo was promoted to Lieutenant on July 1, 1945,
6 and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation in 1946. Her
7 commendations at the end of the war included World War II Victory
8 Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, and
9 American Campaign Medal; and

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

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

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

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature applauds her service to our
19 nation during World War II and recognizes her as an Oklahoma and a
20 national treasure.

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