

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1017

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, during his time in Vietnam, Captain Ford flew over
23 1,000 combat missions, including the besieged outpost at Huong Hoa
24 in January 1968 in the siege of Khe Sahn, the Tet Offensive and

1 manned the perimeter of the MACV compound in Hue against a three-day
2 ground attack; and

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

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

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

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

21 THAT March 29, 2021, is hereby proclaimed to be "Captain Bob
22 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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