

SHORT TITLE: Declaring the last Saturday in March of each year as "Oklahoma Railroader's Day" in the State of Oklahoma; directing distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 040

By: Gustafson and Price of the
Senate

and

Bass and Bonny of the
House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the efforts of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees; declaring the last Saturday in March of each year "Oklahoma Railroader's Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE) was established nationally in 1937 and has a current membership of 20,000 persons. The Association is composed of active and retired railroad men and women with at least ten years of service, and widows and widowers of railroad personnel. Individuals with less than ten years of service are associate members. The state organization in the State of Oklahoma is known as the Oklahoma Legislative Association of the NARVRE and is composed of more than 1,000 members in six units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NARVRE is to protect the rights of members to pensions and benefits of railroaders through active involvement in legislative and other activities, as well as assisting members and their dependents and survivors with obtaining earned benefits such as retirement, medicare, life insurance and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahoma Railroaders are prominent community members thereby making considerable contributions to the quality of

life of communities and to the growth of the State of Oklahoma during their careers with the railroad; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Railroaders preserve the rich tradition of the past and embody the historical essence of all Oklahomans by serving as reminders of the past, present and future. Thanks to these Oklahoma Railroaders, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma have gained a better understanding and greater appreciation of railroads and their contributions to our culture; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma units of the NARVRE sponsor Oklahoma Railroader's Day on the last Saturday of March of each year. The reunion this year will be in El Reno, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the efforts of the Oklahoma members of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees and all Oklahoma Railroaders.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares the last Saturday of March of each year as "Oklahoma Railroader's Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mary David, National Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees; E. L. Kitchell, Chairman of the Oklahoma Legislative Association of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees; and Roy Swaim, President of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, Unit No. 145, El Reno, Oklahoma.

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