

SHORT TITLE: Declaring March 27, 1993, as Retired and Veteran
Railroad Employees' Day in the State of Oklahoma.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Gustafson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the efforts of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees; declaring Saturday, March 27, 1993, "Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees' Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees (NARVRE) was established nationally in 1937 and has 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 their rights 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 members 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, NARVRE preserves the rich tradition of the past and embodies the historical essence of all Oklahomans by serving as a reminder of the past, present and future. Thanks to NARVRE, 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 NARVRE have an annual reunion 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the efforts of the Oklahoma members of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares Saturday, March 27, 1993, as "Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees' 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 Railroad Employees; E. L. Kitchell, Chairman of the Oklahoma Legislative Association of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees; and Ray Swain, President of the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees Unit 145 in El Reno, Oklahoma.

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