

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1016

By: Dobrinski

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

WHEREAS, Captain Robert L. Ford is a native Oklahoma, born in Shawnee, graduated from the Army ROTC program at the University of Oklahoma in 1966 as well as flight school shortly after; and

WHEREAS, within just three weeks from graduation, now 1st Lieutenant Ford, arrived in DaNang, Vietnam assigned to the 282nd Air Assault Company, nicknamed the "Black Cats", and by September 1967 was in command of the entire 282nd Company; and

WHEREAS, during his time in Vietnam, Captain Ford flew over 1,000 combat missions, including the besieged outpost at Huong Hoa in January 1968, participated in the siege of Khe Sahn, the Tet Offensive and defended the MACV headquarters in Hue against a three-day ground attack; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Captain Bob Ford's continual commitment and dedication
6 has earned him the prestigious "Major General Douglas O. Dollar
7 Distinguished Public Service Award" as well as the privilege of
8 being honored by his alma matter, the University of Oklahoma as well
9 as The Oklahoma House of Representatives as "Veteran of the Week"
10 and the Oklahoma History Center for his work in helping create their
11 outdoor "Tip of the Spear Exhibit"; and

12 WHEREAS, 50 years later Captain Ford continues working hard to
13 serve his hometown of Okeene, his country and the State of Oklahoma
14 in schools, civic groups and organizations with generous donations
15 of his time and personal resources.

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

18 THAT March 29th, 2021, is hereby proclaimed to be "Captain Bob
19 Ford Day".

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors Captain Bob
21 Ford and appreciates the work he has done for veterans and all
22 Oklahomans.

23 THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Captain Bob
24 Ford.

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