

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1009

By: Stark

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing March 21, 2025, as Rosie the Riveter Day; and expressing the significance of the role women played in the Second World War.

WHEREAS, Rosie the Riveter Day is celebrated on March 21 to recognize the part American women played in America's victory in World War II. As the war raged on in the early 1940s, able-bodied men were drafted to fight, and the female population was called upon to support the workforce. These courageous men and women have since gone down in history to be remembered as The Greatest Generation;

WHEREAS, in 2017, the United States Congress passed a resolution to mark March 21 as National Rosie the Riveter Day, a day during Women's History Month;

WHEREAS, the symbolism of Rosie the Riveter stands for the millions of women who left their homes for factories to keep the country's manufacturing processes going;

WHEREAS, during the Second World War, when every able-bodied man was sent to fight for the Allies, the nation's manufacturing leg came to a halt. From heavy machinery to steel mills and freight

1 ports, every male-dominated industry came short of personnel due to
2 abrupt drafting;

3 WHEREAS, the federal government issued propaganda to encourage
4 women to join the industrial workforce as a patriotic duty during
5 this time. The iconic poster included a woman in a red bandana
6 raising her fist when used to recruit women;

7 WHEREAS, the total number of female industrial workers went from
8 twenty-seven percent (27%) to thirty-seven percent (37%) between
9 1940 and 1945; more than 19 million women held jobs outside of the
10 traditional women's workforce for the first time ever. Rosie became
11 a cultural icon;

12 WHEREAS, the Rosie the Riveter campaign proved to change the
13 nature of women's involvement in the workforce. This resolution
14 acknowledges the vital role played by women during the Second World
15 War.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT this resolution acknowledges the vital role played by women
19 during the Second World War;

20 THAT March 21, 2025, is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma House
21 of Representatives and the State of Oklahoma as Rosie the Riveter
22 Day.

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