

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1001

By: Steagall

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing March 6 as Bob
10 Wills Day at the Capitol; celebrating the life and
11 legacy of Oklahoma's son; thanking the Oklahoma Arts
12 Council and the Oklahoma Historical Society for their
13 work; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Bob Wills, born in 1905, began playing fiddle in his
15 youth before moving with his band, the Texas Playboys, to Oklahoma
16 in 1934 to pursue business and creative opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Wills became known as the King of Western Swing as
18 he helped originate and popularize a unique genre of music rooted in
19 folk, jazz, and blues that would lead to the development of rock and
20 roll and modern country music; and

21 WHEREAS, Bob Wills entertained millions of people during his
22 heyday, performing twice weekly at what would become the historic
23 Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, playing live daily radio broadcasts,

1 touring across the country, and appearing in more than a dozen
2 movies; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Wills was inducted into the Country Music Hall of
4 Fame in 1968 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999, and was
5 named one of the 40 Greatest Men of Country Music by Country Music
6 Television; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Wills' family has contributed his archival and
8 artifacts collection to the Oklahoma Historical Society to be
9 featured for future generations across from Cain's Ballroom at the
10 forthcoming OKPOP Museum; and

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Arts Council and Oklahoma Historical
12 Society have partnered to revive the tradition of Bob Wills Day at
13 the Capitol, celebrating one of Oklahoma's most significant figures
14 in the history of popular music who continues to shine a bright
15 light on our state.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 6 as Bob
20 Wills Day at the Capitol.

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the life and
22 legacy of Oklahoma's son, Bob Wills.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature thanks the Oklahoma Arts
2 Council and the Oklahoma Historical Society for their work to honor
3 Bob Wills and revive this special celebration at the Capitol.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
5 Arts Council and the Oklahoma Historical Society.

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