

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1016

By: Dobrinski

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, within just three weeks from graduation, now 1st
18 Lieutenant Ford, arrived in DaNang, Vietnam assigned to the 282nd
19 Air Assault Company, nicknamed the "Black Cats", and by September
20 1967 was in command of the entire 282nd Company; and

21 WHEREAS, during his time in Vietnam, Captain Ford flew over
22 1,000 combat missions, including the besieged outpost at Huong Hoa
23 in January 1968, participated in the siege of Khe Sahn, the Tet
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1 Offensive and defended the MACV headquarters in Hue against a three-
2 day ground attack; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Captain Bob
2 Ford.

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