

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1022

By: Conley, Albright, Baker, Bell, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Branham, Brewer, Burns, Bush, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Davis, Dills, Dollens, Dunnington, Echols, Fetgatter, Fincher, Ford, Frix, Fugate, Gann, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin (David), Hardin (Tommy), Hasenbeck, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kannady, Kerbs, Kiger, Lawson, Lepak, Loring, Lowe, Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Meredith, Miller, Mize, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, Nollan, O'Donnell, Olsen, Ortega, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Perryman, Pfeiffer, Phillips, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Roe, Rosecrants, Russ, Sanders, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stone, Strom, Tadlock, Talley, Taylor, Townley, Vancuren, Virgin, Waldron, Walke, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Worthen and Wright

A Resolution proclaiming Monday, May 6, 2019, to be Women Veterans Day in Oklahoma; and recognizing and saluting the service and sacrifices of more than 29,000 female veterans who live in Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, women have a long, courageous and largely unrecognized history of military service to our country; and

WHEREAS, at the founding of our nation, women provided important support services as nurses, cooks, laundresses and clerks for the troops, and heroically stepped up to the front lines, or risked their lives in other ways; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our nation, women such as Clara Barton, who cared for the wounded and dying from Antietam to Andersonville during the Civil War, and Cathay Williams, who, freed from slavery during the Civil War, dressed as a man to serve two years as an infantry soldier, and thousands more women, whose names are unknown to history, have in every conflict served our national interests largely without official recognition and commendation; and

WHEREAS, with America's approach and entry into World War I, for the first time women were recruited to serve in auxiliary military units and 14,000 women responded to free troops for combat by serving in noncombat duties such as clerks and radio electricians while 21,000 more women served in the Army Nurse Corps at camps and hospitals here and overseas; and

WHEREAS, women's services nonetheless continued to be regarded in a subordinate position and hundreds of women who served in the Army Signal Corps were required to purchase their own uniforms and were denied military discharges until 1979, long after most of these veterans had passed away; and

WHEREAS, the auxiliary units were disbanded following World War I until 1941 and in 1943 were granted official military status in the Women's Army Corps (WACs), Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), the Navy and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, women were finally allowed to serve as permanent members of the military and granted entitlement to veteran benefits; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 200,000 women, comprising about ten percent (10%) of all service personnel, including dozens of female generals and admirals, are fully integrated throughout all branches of the armed forces, including combat components; and

WHEREAS, throughout the long restrictions on their opportunity to serve, women did so despite injury, privation, imprisonment and death; and

WHEREAS, one in ten living veterans is a female veteran; and

WHEREAS, more than 29,000 Oklahoma residents are female veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims Monday, May 6, 2019, to be Women Veterans Day in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all Oklahomans to join in recognizing, appreciating and saluting the service and sacrifices of more than 29,000 female veterans who live in Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_  
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