

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 6

By: Murdock of the Senate

and

Steagall of the House

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Bob Wills entertained millions of people during his
19 heyday, performing twice weekly at what would become the historic
20 Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, playing live daily radio broadcasts,
21 touring across the country, and appearing in more than a dozen
22 movies; and

23 WHEREAS, Bob Wills was inducted into the Country Music Hall of
24 Fame in 1968 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999, and was

1 named one of the 40 Greatest Men of Country Music by Country Music
2 Television; and

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

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
13 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes March 6 as Bob
16 Wills Day at the Capitol.

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

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

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

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2023.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives