

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1007

By: Steagall

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution designating March 10, 2025, as Bob Wills  
9 Day at the Capitol; celebrating the life and legacy  
10 of Oklahoma's son, thanking the Oklahoma Arts  
11 Council, the Oklahoma Film and Music Office, and the  
12 Oklahoma Historical Society for their work; and  
13 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 historic  
23 Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, playing live daily radio broadcasts,  
24 touring across the country, and appearing in more than a dozen  
movies; and

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

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

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

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

16       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes March 10,  
17 2025, as Bob Wills Day at the Capitol.

18       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the life  
19 and legacy of Oklahoma's son, Bob Wills.

20       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives thanks the Oklahoma  
21 Arts Council, the Oklahoma Film and Music Office, and the Oklahoma  
22 Historical Society for their work to honor Bob Wills and revive this  
23 special celebration at the Capitol.

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1            THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
2 Arts Council, the Oklahoma Film and Music Office, and the Oklahoma  
3 Historical Society.

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