

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1007

By: Steagall

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution designating March 10, 2025, as Bob Wills
8 Day at the Capitol; celebrating the life and legacy
9 of Oklahoma's son, thanking the Oklahoma Arts
10 Council, the Oklahoma Film and Music Office, and the
11 Oklahoma Historical Society for their work; and
12 directing distribution.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Bob Wills entertained millions of people during his
21 heyday – performing twice weekly at what would become historic
22 Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, playing live daily radio broadcasts,
23 touring across the country, and appearing in more than a dozen
24 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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