

SHORT TITLE: Roads, bridges and ferries; naming U.S. Highway No. 75
the Colonel John L. Hillman Highway; codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 8

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution designating a portion of U.S. Highway 75 as the "Colonel John L. Hillman Parkway"; directing the Department of Transportation to place suitable permanent markers at appropriate sites upon Highway 75; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Colonel John L. Hillman was born September 30, 1912, in Ontario, Canada. Colonel Hillman graduated from high school in Okmulgee, Oklahoma with the class of 1933; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John L. Hillman enlisted in the military, in the 45th Infantry Division on September 4, 1933. John L. Hillman was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in 1941 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John L. Hillman served in World War II with the 179th Infantry Regiment in Sicily, Italy, southern France and Germany. Colonel Hillman was Commanding Officer of Company C of the 179th Infantry Regiment from the beginning of the Sicily Campaign until Sicily was captured; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John L. Hillman returned to the United States and was released from active duty in 1946. Colonel John L. Hillman joined the Oklahoma National Guard, 45th Infantry Division, where he was promoted to Colonel in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Colonel John L. Hillman's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Reserve Forces Medal, Oklahoma Long Service Medal, American Defense Medal, Victory Medal WWII, Combat Infantry Badge, 2nd, Korean Conflict Ribbon, and many others for his outstanding military service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1628 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

U.S. Highway No. 75 from Tulsa to the Kansas state line, shall be designated as the "Colonel John L. Hillman Parkway" in honor of one of Oklahoma's most outstanding military leaders and former Commander of the 279th Infantry Regiment. The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon the highway bearing his name.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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