

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1064

By: Ellis of the House

and

Rabon of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating a section of U.S. Highway 70 as the Choctaw-Chickasaw Memorial Highway; directing Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, through treaties made with the United States government, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes during the 1830s relinquished their ancestral lands in Mississippi and Alabama to travel west to present day Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, after prolonged and horrific suffering through disease, hunger, want of clothing, and other privations, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes arrived in their new land and demonstrated tremendous resiliency and resolve by establishing towns and institutions such as Eagletown, Lukfata, Wheelock Academy, Doaksville, Tishomingo, Wapanucka, Armstrong Academy, Goodland Mission, Boggy Depot, Spencer Academy, and other places of commerce and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes have contributed significantly to the rich cultural and political history of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the present route of U.S. Highway 70 through south-central and southeastern Oklahoma approximates Choctaw and Chickasaw routes of immigration and later routes of historic travel through Choctaw and Chickasaw lands; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 70 forms a corridor adjacent to the many towns, institutions, and historic sites associated with Choctaw and Chickasaw history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the section of U.S. Highway 70 extending from the Arkansas state line west to the interchange at Interstate 35 be designated the Choctaw-Chickasaw Memorial Highway.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause permanent suitable markers be placed on the section of highway bearing the name.

THAT copies of the resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Transportation Phil Tomlinson and the Director of Transportation Gary Ridley, to members of the State Transportation Commission, to Chief Gregory E. Pyle of the Choctaw Nation, to Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation, to Dr. Bob Blackburn, to Lewis Stiles, to Lewis Coleman, and to Barbara Grant.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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