

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 78

By: Lawler of the Senate

and

McCarter of the House

A Concurrent Resolution designating Pikey's Crossing; directing the Oklahoma Historical Society and Department of Transportation to cause certain markers to be placed on certain bridge; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ben Pikey served as a Representative and Speaker of the House for the Chickasaw Nation during the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, Ben Pikey was an exemplary representative of the stalwart people that established the fine State of Oklahoma having survived the Trail of Tears in 1837; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, Ben and his wife Katie Pikey were early settlers in the Silver City area, and his name is listed on a monument in Tuttle that states: "Silver City Pioneers, First Settlement in the Chickasaw County 1873-1891"; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2003, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature passed General Resolution Number 20-038, a request for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to communicate with the State of Oklahoma regarding the naming of the bridge which crosses the south end of the Canadian River; and

WHEREAS, Ben Pikey established and operated a crossing and ferryboat on the exact location of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, historical documentation states that Pikey's Crossing was used as a major entry point during the 1889 Land Run of Oklahoma, and the Pikey family continued to operate this ferry through the late 1920s; and

WHEREAS, Ben Pikey was authorized by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation to erect a fence up and down the South Canadian River in Pontotoc County, which is now Grady County; and

WHEREAS, Pikey's Crossing was used as part of the Chisholm Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Index to the Choctaw Deeds and Allotments states that the land surrounding the bridge was issued to family members of Ben and Katie Pikey; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature supports the naming of the bridge "Pikey's Crossing", and the Chickasaw Nation has volunteered to fund this project.

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

THAT the south end of the northbound bridge on State Highway 4 that intersects with State Highway 37, which crosses the South Canadian River, be designated as "Pikey's Crossing".

THAT the Oklahoma Historical Society shall cause an appropriate historical marker to be placed at the south end of the bridge.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall cause a permanent suitable marker to be placed at the south end of the bridge bearing the name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Transportation, Phil Tomlinson; Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Dr. Bob L. Blackburn; and Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2004.

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