

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Monday, February 16, 2009**

**House Concurrent**  
**Resolution No. 1005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1005 - By: MCNIEL of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution designating the Larry Eugene Caldwell Memorial Bridge; directing the Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

1       WHEREAS, good men must die, but death cannot kill their names; and

2       WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was born on Sunday, May 15, 1948, to Carl  
3 Caldwell and Mary Lou (Watt) Caldwell; and

4       WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell grew to manhood three miles south of Bristow,  
5 Oklahoma, where he attended Bristow Public Schools, earning a four-year letterman  
6 award in football and wrestling; and

7       WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in  
8 Bristow; and

9       WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was united in marriage with Cathy Webb. The  
10 marriage was blessed with the arrival of a son, Larry Brent; and

11       WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was drafted in September 1969 and took his  
12 basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, before being deployed in 1970 to serve his beloved

1 country in Vietnam where he served in battle as a member of Company A of the 3rd  
2 Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade; and

3 WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell had been in Vietnam for 22 days when, on  
4 March 19, 1970, he and nine other soldiers were moving out for a combat mission when  
5 the personnel carrier they were being transported in struck a land mine, killing all ten  
6 soldiers; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was posthumously promoted to the grade of  
8 Corporal-E4; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Eugene Caldwell was only in the United States Army a very  
10 short time, he distinguished himself by earning the Combat Infantryman Badge with  
11 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, the Sharpshooter  
12 and Expert M-14 and M-16 Rifle, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal,  
13 the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, it is proper for a grateful state to honor the memory of a native son who  
15 paid the ultimate price in the service of his country.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
18 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the bridge on State Highway 48 over the Little Deep Fork River, one and  
20 one-half mile south of Bristow, Oklahoma, is hereby designated the “Larry Eugene  
21 Caldwell Memorial Bridge”.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1            THAT the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable  
2 permanent markers designating the bridge.

3            THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the family of Larry Eugene Caldwell  
4 and to the Board of County Commissioners for Creek County.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02-12-09 -  
6 DO PASS.