

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1325

By: Humphrey

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8 An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the
9 Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act;
10 requiring the program be administered by the Oklahoma
11 Department of Transportation; designating bridges be
12 named in honor of certain Choctaw Code Talkers;
13 requiring the placement of permanent markers;
14 providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1600.2 of Title 69, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Choctaw
21 Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act".

22 B. The program shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department
23 of Transportation.

24 C. The following bridges are hereby designated to recognize the
service, valor and dedication of the Choctaw Code Talkers of World
War I and World War II:

1 1. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 270 over Mountain Creek
2 west of Wister in LeFlore County shall be designated for Albert
3 Billy, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

4 2. The bridge located on State Highway 3 approximately one and
5 three-tenths (1.3) miles east of the intersection of State Highway 3
6 and County Road N4495 in McCurtain County shall be designated for
7 Mitchell Bobb, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

8 3. The bridge located on State Highway 3 approximately two
9 thousand (2,000) feet west of the town of Oleta in Pushmataha County
10 shall be designated for Victor Brown, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

11 4. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 approximately Five
12 and three-quarter (5.75) miles south of Smithville in McCurtain
13 County shall be designated for Ben Carterby, WWI Choctaw Code
14 Talker;

15 5. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 70 approximately six
16 hundred (600) feet west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and
17 County Road N3770 in Bryan County shall be designated for Ben
18 Colbert, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

19 6. The bridge located on State Highway 3 over Beaver Creek east
20 of Antlers in Pushmataha County shall be designated for George E.
21 Davenport, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

22 7. The bridge located on State Highway 3 over Dumpling Creek
23 east of Antlers in Pushmataha County shall be designated for Joseph
24 H. Davenport, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

1 8. The bridge located on State Highway 3 over Boktuklo Creek
2 west of Broken Bow in McCurtain County shall be designated for James
3 M. Edwards, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

4 9. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 70 over Raymond Gary Lake
5 in Choctaw shall be designated for Tobias W. Frazier, WWI Choctaw
6 Code Talker;

7 10. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 70 over Sulphur Creek at
8 the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and County Road E2078 in Bryan
9 County shall be designated for Benjamin Hampton, WWI Choctaw Code
10 Talker;

11 11. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 crossing over Eagle
12 Fork Creek approximately one-half (0.5) mile south of Smithville in
13 McCurtain County shall be designated for Noel Johnson, WWI Choctaw
14 Code Talker;

15 12. The bridge located on State Highway 48 over Sincere Creek
16 in eastern Pontotoc County shall be designated for Otis Leader, WWI
17 Choctaw Code Talker;

18 13. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 over Yanubbee Creek
19 north of Broken Bow in McCurtain County shall be designated for
20 Solomon Bond Louis, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

21 14. The bridge located on State Highway 7 over Pennington Creek
22 in central Johnston County shall be designated for Pete Maytubby,
23 WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

1 15. The bridge located on northbound State Highway 3
2 approximately two thousand three hundred (2,300) feet north of the
3 State Highway 3 bridge over Little River in McCurtain County shall
4 be designated for Jeff Nelson, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

5 16. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 70 over Big Creek east
6 of Bokchito in Brian County shall be designated for Joseph
7 Oklahombi, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

8 17. The bridge located on southbound State Highway 3
9 approximately two thousand three hundred (2,300) feet north of the
10 State Highway 3 bridge over Little River in McCurtain County shall
11 be designated for Robert Taylor, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

12 18. The bridge located on the U.S. Highway 70 Bypass over Old
13 Highway 70 east of Durant in Bryan County shall be designated for
14 Charles Walter Veach, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

15 19. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 70 at the intersection
16 of U.S. Highway 70 and County Road N4750 east of Broken Bow in
17 McCurtain County shall be designated for Calvin Wilson, WWI Choctaw
18 Code Talker;

19 20. The bridge located on State Highway 113 approximately one
20 and one-quarter (1.25) miles south of the intersection of State
21 Highway 113 and County Road E1368 in Pittsburg County shall be
22 designated for Forreston Baker, WWII Choctaw Code Talker;

23 21. The bridge located on State Highway 1 approximately one
24 thousand eight hundred (1,800) feet west of the intersection of

1 State Highway 1 and the Indian Nation Turnpike in Pittsburg County
2 shall be designated for Schlicht Billy, WWII Choctaw Code Talker;

3 22. The bridge located on State Highway 1 approximately one and
4 six-tenths (1.6) miles west of the intersection of State Highway 1
5 and the Indian Nation Turnpike in Pittsburg County shall be
6 designated for Andrew Perry, WWII Choctaw Code Talker; and

7 23. The bridge on State Highway 31 at the eastern municipal
8 limits of Krebs shall be designated for Davis Pickens, WWII Choctaw
9 Code Talker.

10 D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers
11 bearing the names listed pursuant to subsection C of this section to
12 be placed upon the corresponding bridges designated in subsection C
13 of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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