

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1149

By: Vaughan of the House

3 and

4 Allen of the Senate

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6
7 An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the
8 Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act;
9 requiring the program be administered by the Oklahoma
10 Department of Transportation; designating bridges
11 honoring Choctaw Code Talkers Albert Billy, Mitchell
12 Bobb, Victor Brown, Ben Carterby, Ben Colbert, George E.
13 Davenport, Joseph H. Davenport, James M. Edwards, Tobias
14 W. Frazier, Benjamin Hampton, Noel Johnson, Otis Leader,
15 Solomon Bond Louis, Pete Maytubby, Jeff Nelson, Joseph
16 Oklahombi, Robert Taylor, Charles Walter Veach, Calvin
17 Wilson, Forreston Baker, Schlicht Billy, Andrew Perry,
18 and Davis Pickens; designating the Jennifer Lea Briggs
19 and Heather Wilson Memorial Highway; designating the
20 Keith Alan Copeland Memorial Bridge; designating the CPL
21 Eldon Ervin Memorial Bridge; designating the Judge Ray
22 Dean Linder Interchange; designating the Senator Owen
23 Laughlin Bridge; designating the James Everett Clark III
24 Memorial Bridge; designating the Col Noble A. Miller,
USAF - WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Memorial Highway;
designating the SSG Jack Morgan Memorial Bridge;
designating the Lt. Lowry Douglas Durrington Memorial
Highway; designating the SPC Sonny Gene Sampler Memorial
Highway; designating the Officer Nathan B. Graves
Memorial Highway; designating the Pearl Harbor Veterans:
CBM Doyle E. Winters, BM1c Jerry E. Roop, and S2c Donald
G. Loe Memorial Highway; requiring placement of certain
permanent markers; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

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

4 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Choctaw
5 Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act".

6 B. The program shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department
7 of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

21 4. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 approximately five
22 and three-quarter (5.75) miles south of Smithville in McCurtain
23 County shall be designated for Ben Carterby, WWI Choctaw Code
24 Talker;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 21. The bridge located on State Highway 1 approximately one
10 thousand eight hundred (1,800) feet west of the intersection of
11 State Highway 1 and the Indian Nation Turnpike in Pittsburg County
12 shall be designated for Schlicht Billy, WWII Choctaw Code Talker;

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

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

20 D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers
21 bearing the names listed pursuant to subsection C of this section to
22 be placed upon the corresponding bridges designated in subsection C
23 of this section.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.250 of Title 69, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The portion of State Highway 33 in Payne County beginning at the
5 Cimarron River in southwest Payne County and extending east to the
6 junction of State Highway 33 and U.S. Highway 177 shall be
7 designated as the "Jennifer Lea Briggs and Heather Wilson Memorial
8 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
9 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

10 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.251 of Title 69, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The bridge over Interstate 35 on Historic Route 66 in northern
14 Oklahoma County shall be designated as the "Keith Alan Copeland
15 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause
16 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the
17 bridge.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.252 of Title 69, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 The bridge crossing over the BNSF Railroad on U.S. Highway 60
22 located approximately one and one-half (1.5) miles east of Wyandotte
23 in Ottawa County shall be designated as the "CPL Eldon Ervin
24 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause

1 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the
2 bridge.

3 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.253 of Title 69, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The highway interchange of U.S. Highway 281 and State Highway 45
7 in Woods County shall be designated as the "Judge Ray Dean Linder
8 Interchange". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
9 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed at each approach to
10 the interchange.

11 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.254 of Title 69, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 The bridge over Sand Creek on U.S. Highway 270 located
15 approximately nine (9) miles southeast of the municipal limits of
16 Woodward, Oklahoma, in Woodward County shall be designated as the
17 "Senator Owen Laughlin Bridge". The Department of Transportation
18 shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be
19 placed on the bridge.

20 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.255 of Title 69, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 The bridge located on Interstate Highway 40 crossing S.E. 29th
24 Street in Midwest City shall be designated as the "James Everett

1 Clark III Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall
2 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on
3 the bridge.

4 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.256 of Title 69, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The portion of State Highway 31 in Pittsburg County beginning at
8 the intersection of State Highway 31 and 9th Street in McAlester
9 extending east approximately four and one-half (4.5) miles to the
10 intersection of State Highway 31 and Adamson Road shall be
11 designated as the "Col Noble A. Miller, USAF - WWII, Korea and
12 Vietnam, Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall
13 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on
14 the highway.

15 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.257 of Title 69, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The bridge crossing over the Arkansas River on State Highway 99
19 on the border between Osage and Pawnee Counties shall be designated
20 as the "SSG Jack Morgan Memorial Bridge". The Department of
21 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that
22 name to be placed on the bridge.

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1 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.258 of Title 69, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The portion of U.S. Highway 377 in Johnston County beginning
5 north of Tishomingo at the intersection of U.S. Highway 377 and Golf
6 Course Road extending south four thousand (4,000) feet shall be
7 designated as the "Lt. Lowry Douglas Durington Memorial Highway".
8 The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent
9 markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

10 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.259 of Title 69, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The portion of U.S. Highway 62 in Lawton beginning at the
14 intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and NW 82nd Street extending east to
15 the intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and Interstate 44 shall be
16 designated as the "SPC Sonny Gene Sampler Memorial Highway". The
17 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers
18 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

19 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.260 of Title 69, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The portion of State Highway 99 in Lincoln County beginning at
23 the northern county border extending southward to the intersection
24 of State Highway 99 and State Highway 66 shall be designated as the

"Officer Nathan B. Graves Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.261 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The portion of U.S. Highway 59 in LeFlore County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 and State Highway 128 in Heavener extending north two (2) miles shall be designated as the "Pearl Harbor Veterans: CBM Doyle E. Winters, BM1c Jerry E. Roop, and S2c Donald G. Loe Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate