

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1325

By: Humphrey

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8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers
15 bearing the names listed pursuant to subsection C of this section to
16 be placed upon the corresponding bridges designated in subsection C
17 of this section.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02/14/2017 -
21 DO PASS, As Amended.

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