

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 4, 2017

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1149

By: Vaughan of the House

5 and

6 Allen and Bergstrom of the  
7 Senate

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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  
13 honoring Choctaw Code Talkers Albert Billy, Mitchell  
14 Bobb, Victor Brown, Ben Carterby, Ben Colbert, George  
15 E. Davenport, Joseph H. Davenport, James M. Edwards,  
16 Tobias W. Frazier, Benjamin Hampton, Noel Johnson,  
17 Otis Leader, Solomon Bond Louis, Pete Maytubby, Jeff  
18 Nelson, Joseph Oklahombi, Robert Taylor, Charles  
19 Walter Veach, Calvin Wilson, Forreston Baker,  
20 Schlicht Billy, Andrew Perry, and Davis Pickens;  
21 designating the Jennifer Lea Briggs and Heather  
22 Wilson Memorial Highway; designating the Keith Alan  
23 Copeland Memorial Bridge; designating the CPL Eldon  
24 Ervin Memorial Bridge; designating the James Everett  
Clark III 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 Durlington  
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; designating the RM3 Bill Lester Driver, US  
Navy, Memorial Bridge; requiring placement of certain  
permanent markers; providing for codification; and  
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

9 B. The program shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department  
10 of Transportation.

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

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

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

21 3. The bridge located on State Highway 3 approximately two  
22 thousand (2,000) feet west of the town of Oleta in Pushmataha County  
23 shall be designated for Victor Brown, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;  
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1        4. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 approximately five  
2 and three-quarter (5.75) miles south of Smithville in McCurtain  
3 County shall be designated for Ben Carterby, WWI Choctaw Code  
4 Talker;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23       D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers  
24 bearing the names listed pursuant to subsection C of this section to

1 be placed upon the corresponding bridges designated in subsection C  
2 of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

23 The bridge crossing over the BNSF Railroad on U.S. Highway 60  
24 located approximately one and one-half (1.5) miles east of Wyandotte

1 in Ottawa County shall be designated as the "CPL Eldon Ervin  
2 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
3 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
4 bridge.

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

8 The bridge located on Interstate Highway 40 crossing S.E. 29th  
9 Street in Midwest City shall be designated as the "James Everett  
10 Clark III Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall  
11 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on  
12 the bridge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21       The portion of U.S. Highway 62 in Lawton beginning at the  
22 intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and NW 82nd Street extending east to  
23 the intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and Interstate 44 shall be  
24 designated as the "SPC Sonny Gene Sampler Memorial Highway". The



1 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
2 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

6 The portion of State Highway 99 in Lincoln County beginning at  
7 the northern county border extending southward to the intersection  
8 of State Highway 99 and State Highway 66 shall be designated as the  
9 "Officer Nathan B. Graves Memorial Highway". The Department of  
10 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
11 name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

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The bridge over Elk Creek on State Highway 44 approximately two and one-half (2.5) miles south of the municipal limits of Sentinel shall be designated as the "RM3 Bill Lester Driver, US Navy, Memorial Bridge, WWII Veteran". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
April 4, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED