

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE BILL 1325

By: Humphrey

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act; providing for administration of the program; requiring certain coordination; requiring certain identifications; requiring certain bridge namings occur; requiring the placement of permanent markers; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

C. The Department is hereby directed to coordinate with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in identifying:

1. Members of the Choctaw Nation that served as code talkers during World War I or World War II, and

1 2. A bridge on the state highway system, suitable and available
2 for naming, closest to where each code talker lived before or after
3 their participation in World War I or World War II.

4 D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers
5 bearing the names of code talkers identified pursuant to paragraph 1
6 of subsection C of this section to be placed upon the corresponding
7 bridges identified for each code talker pursuant to paragraph 2 of
8 subsection C of this section.

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

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