

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2311</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>SAHB</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Frix/ Sen. Bergstrom</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>5/1/2019</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Highway and Bridge Designations Honoring Individuals Not Killed In Performance of Duties: \$0 to State; Honoring Certain Individuals Killed In Performance of Duties: \$1,000 to \$2,000 per Site</b>

**Research Analysis**

Engrossed HB 2311 enacts the following road and bridge designations:

- The bridge over Choctaw Road on U.S. 69 in Bryan County as the “Deputy Sheriff Michael Dee Pace Memorial Bridge”
- The I-40/Cimarron Road interchange in Canadian County as the “Landon L. Endres Memorial Interchange”
- The bridge over U.S. 266 on U.S. 69 in Checotah as the “Paul Henry Carr Memorial Bridge”
- A section of U.S. 77 between Marietta and Thackerville as the “Trooper Leon. H. Brown Memorial Highway”
- The bridge over I-35 on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Moore as the “1LT Damon Leehan Memorial Bridge”
- A section of SH82 in Cherokee County as the “Deputy Sean Cookson Memorial Highway”
- The bridge over Martin Luther King Avenue on I-44 in Oklahoma City as the “Senator Melvin E. Porter Memorial Bridge”
- A section of SH54 in Washita County as the “Deputy Sheriff Clifford Phillip Payne Memorial Highway”
- A section of U.S. 64 Business in Muskogee as the “Councilwoman Avalon Reese Memorial Highway”

The measure also changes the designation for the “SSG Christopher Michael Hake Memorial Bridge” to a bridge on I-40 over the North Fork Red River in Beckham County and the designation for “2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Faythe McGinnis Memorial Highway” in Muskogee County to include the words “Tuskegee Airman.” Finally, the bill removes a requirement that a person must have been deceased at least 3 years before a road or bridge may be named for them.

Senate Amendments to HB 2311 include the following designations:

- The bridge over Big Creek on SH 10 in Craig County as the “Private First Class George Henry Taylor Memorial Bridge”
- A section of SH 5 in Cotton County as the “City Marshal Jefferson Davis ‘J.D.’ Graham Memorial Highway”

- A section of SH 5 in Cotton County as the “Sheriff Horace H. ‘Bill’ Dyer Memorial Highway”

Senate Amendments also reinstate the requirement that a person must have been deceased at least 3 years before a road or bridge may be named for them.

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### **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure directs the Department of Transportation (ODOT) to place permanent markers upon the highways and bridges bearing the names of the individuals to be honored. Title 69 O.S. § 1600 provides that the costs associated with signage related to the naming of highways and bridges is to be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign, except in instances of naming a highway or bridge to honor members of the United States Armed Forces, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, peace officers, and first responders who were killed in the performance of their duties.

According to the Department of Transportation, the estimated cost to the Department is between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per location depending on the class of highway.

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### **Other Considerations**

None.