

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 61

By: Jech and Bullard of the
Senate

and

Johns of the House

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to memorial highway and bridge designations; designating the ABLE Agent Lori Thomas Memorial Bridge; designating the Donald Ray Ward Memorial Bridge; designating the Ike Glass Memorial Intersection; designating the Novak and Jean Bullard Memorial Bridge; designating the PFC Lewis Othel Branscum Memorial Bridge; designating the SFC Tomas L. Avey Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient Memorial Highway; designating the SSGT Kenneth Michael Pannell Memorial Highway; 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 1698.468 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The bridge on U.S. Highway 70 crossing over South 9th Avenue of Durant in Bryan County shall be designated as the "ABLE Agent Lori

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

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.469 of Title 69, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The bridge crossing over Interstate 240 on Interstate 40 in
8 Oklahoma County shall be designated as the "Donald Ray Ward Memorial
9 Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
10 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.470 of Title 69, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 The intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and State Highway 11 in Kay
15 County shall be designated as the "Ike Glass Memorial Intersection".
16 The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent
17 markers bearing that name to be placed at the intersection.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.471 of Title 69, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 The bridge on U.S. Highway 69 crossing over West Main Street of
22 Durant in Bryan County shall be designated as the "Novak and Jean
23 Bullard Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall
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1 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on
2 the bridge.

3 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.472 of Title 69, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The bridge over the Kiamichi River on U.S. Highway 259
7 approximately one-half (1/2) mile south of the U.S. Highway 259 and
8 State Highway 63 intersection in Le Flore County shall be designated
9 as the "PFC Lewis Othel Branscum Memorial Bridge". The Department
10 of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing
11 that name to be placed on the bridge.

12 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.473 of Title 69, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 The section of State Highway 102 beginning at the intersection
16 of East 990 Road extending north to the intersection of East
17 Memorial Road in Lincoln County shall be designated as the "SFC
18 Tomas L. Avey Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient Memorial
19 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
20 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

21 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.474 of Title 69, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The section of State Highway 7 beginning at the intersection of
2 State Highway 110, east of Davis, extending east to the intersection
3 of Chickasaw Trail in Murray County shall be designated as the "SSGT
4 Kenneth Michael Pannell Memorial Highway". The Department of
5 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that
6 name to be placed on the highway.

7 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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