

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 61

By: Jech and Bullard of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Johns of the House

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6 An Act relating to memorial highway and bridge  
7 designations; designating the ABLE Agent Lori Thomas  
8 Memorial Bridge; designating the Donald Ray Ward  
9 Memorial Bridge; designating the Ike Glass Memorial  
10 Intersection; designating the Novak and Jean Bullard  
11 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 Kenneth Michael  
Pannell Memorial Highway; providing for codification;  
and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.468 of Title 69, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The bridge on U.S. Highway 70 crossing over South 9th Avenue of  
19 Durant in Bryan County shall be designated as the "ABLE Agent Lori  
20 Thomas Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall  
21 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on  
22 the bridge.  
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1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.469 of Title 69, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22       The section of State Highway 7 beginning at the intersection of  
23 State Highway 110, east of Davis, extending east to the intersection  
24 of Chickasaw Trail in Murray County shall be designated as the

1 "Kenneth Michael Pannell Memorial Highway". The Department of  
2 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
3 name to be placed on the highway.

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

5 Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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9 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
10 2025.

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