

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1149

By: Vaughan and Condit of the
House

and

Allen and Bergstrom of the
Senate

An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act; requiring the program be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation; designating bridges honoring Choctaw Code Talkers Albert Billy, Mitchell Bobb, Victor Brown, Ben Carterby, Ben Colbert, George E. Davenport, Joseph H. Davenport, James M. Edwards, Tobias W. Frazier, Benjamin Hampton, Noel Johnson, Otis Leader, Solomon Bond Louis, Pete Maytubby, Jeff Nelson, Joseph Oklahombi, Robert Taylor, Charles Walter Veach, Calvin Wilson, Forreston Baker, Schlicht Billy, Andrew Perry and Davis Pickens; designating the Jennifer Lea Briggs and Heather Wilson Memorial Highway; designating the Keith Alan Copeland Memorial Bridge; designating the CPL Eldon 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, WWII Veteran; designating the HM3 (FMF) Eric "Doc" Warren Memorial Highway; requiring placement of certain permanent markers; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Memorial roads and bridges

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 section 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 following bridges are hereby designated to recognize the service, valor and dedication of the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I and World War II:

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

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

3. The bridge located on State Highway 3 approximately two thousand (2,000) feet west of the town of Oleta in Pushmataha County shall be designated for Victor Brown, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

4. The bridge located on U.S. Highway 259 approximately five and three-quarter (5.75) miles south of Smithville in McCurtain County shall be designated for Ben Carterby, WWI Choctaw Code Talker;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. The Department shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing the names listed pursuant to subsection C of this section to be placed upon the corresponding bridges designated in subsection C of this section.

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

The portion of State Highway 33 in Payne County beginning at the Cimarron River in southwest Payne County and extending east to the junction of State Highway 33 and U.S. Highway 177 shall be

designated as the "Jennifer Lea Briggs and Heather Wilson Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

The bridge crossing over the BNSF Railroad on U.S. Highway 60 located approximately one and one-half (1.5) miles east of Wyandotte in Ottawa County shall be designated as the "CPL Eldon Ervin Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

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

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

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

The portion of State Highway 31 in Pittsburg County beginning at the intersection of State Highway 31 and 9th Street in McAlester extending east approximately four and one-half (4.5) miles to the intersection of State Highway 31 and Adamson Road shall be designated as the "Col Noble A. Miller, USAF - WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall

cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

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

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

The portion of U.S. Highway 62 in Lawton beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and NW 82nd Street extending east to the intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and Interstate 44 shall be designated as the "SPC Sonny Gene Sampler Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.262 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The portion of Interstate 40 in Pottawatomie County beginning at mile marker 184 and extending east to mile marker 186 shall be designated as the "HM3 (FMF) Eric "Doc" Warren Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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