

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1325

By: Humphrey

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8                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9                   An Act relating to roads and bridges; creating the  
10                   Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act;  
11                   requiring the program be administered by the Oklahoma  
12                   Department of Transportation; designating bridges be  
13                   named in honor of certain Choctaw Code Talkers;  
14                   requiring the placement of permanent markers;  
15                   providing for codification; and providing an  
16                   effective date.

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

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

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

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

1 C. The following bridges are hereby designated to recognize the  
2 service, valor and dedication of the Choctaw Code Talkers of World  
3 War I and World War II:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02/14/2017 -  
21 DO PASS, As Amended.

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