

1                                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2416

By: Johns

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8   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9                   An Act relating to memorial roads and bridges;  
10                   designating the SGT Christopher James "CJ" Nelson  
11                   Memorial Intersection; designating the Trooper John  
12                   R. Barter Memorial Highway; designating the Trooper  
13                   Don Henley Memorial Highway; designating the Bobbi  
14                   White Memorial Bridge; designating the Bataan Death  
15                   March Survivor Elmer "Red" Vanover Memorial Highway;  
16                   designating the Bronze Star Recipient Marine Sgt.  
17                   Justin Lee Noyes, KIA Irag, Memorial Highway;  
18                   designating the Seminole Warrior John Horse Memorial  
19                   Highway; designating the William A. Ahrberg Memorial  
20                   Highway; designating the Specialist Robert Allan  
21                   Pierce Memorial Bridge; designating the Dr. James R.  
22                   McFarland Memorial Bridge; designating the MSgt. JW  
23                   Easterling Memorial Highway; designating the CW4  
24                   Wendell Carroll LaFevers Memorial Highway;  
                  designating the Colonel George Henry Normand Memorial  
                  Highway; designating the Marshal George Wilson  
                  Reddick Memorial Highway; designating the CDR Ernest  
                  Evans, First Tribal Recipient of the Medal of Honor,  
                  Memorial Trail; designating the Emily Gaines Memorial  
                  Intersection; designating the Gold Star Families  
                  Memorial Highway; designating the Col. George H.  
                  Massad Memorial Bridge; amending 69 O.S. 2021,  
                  Section 1698.305, which relates to the Thelma  
                  "Chincie" Ross WWII Chickasaw Code Talker Memorial  
                  Bridge; modifying location and name of memorial;  
                  amending Section 4, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S.  
                  Supp. 2022, Section 1698.367), which relates to the  
                  SGT Ronald Crews Bridge; modifying name of memorial;  
                  amending Section 28, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 2022 (69

1 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.391), which relates to  
2 the Cecil Davis Memorial Bridge; modifying name of  
3 bridge; amending Section 32, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 2022  
4 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.395), which relates  
5 to the Captain Mark A. Barker Memorial Highway;  
6 modifying name of memorial; directing markers be  
7 placed; providing for codification; and providing an  
8 effective date.

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

9 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.398 of Title 69, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The intersection of U.S. Highway 77, also known as the Broadway  
13 Extension, and Comfort Drive in Edmond, in Oklahoma County shall be  
14 designated as the "SGT Christopher James "CJ" Nelson Memorial  
15 Intersection". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
16 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed at the  
17 intersection.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.399 of Title 69, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 The section of U.S. Highway 62 beginning at the intersection of  
22 State Highway 6 extending east to the intersection of U.S. Highway  
23 283 in Altus, in Jackson County shall be designated as the "Trooper  
24 John R. Barter Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation

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

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.400 of Title 69, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The section of U.S. Highway 271 beginning at the south edge of  
7 Antlers extending south to the intersection of Airport Road in  
8 Pushmataha County shall be designated as the "Trooper Don Henley  
9 Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
10 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
11 highway.

12 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.401 of Title 69, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 The bridge crossing over E 76th Street on U.S. Highway 169 in  
16 Owasso, in Tulsa County shall be designated as the "Bobbi White  
17 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
18 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
19 bridge.

20 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.402 of Title 69, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 The section of U.S. Highway 60 just east of the Will Rogers  
24 Turnpike entrance in Vinita extending easterly to the intersection

1 of State Highway 82 South in Craig County shall be designated as the  
2 "Bataan Death March Survivor Elmer "Red" Vanover Memorial Highway".  
3 The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent  
4 markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

5 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.403 of Title 69, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The section of U.S. Highway 60 beginning at the intersection of  
9 South Kamo Drive extending northeasterly through Vinita to the west  
10 side of the Will Rogers Turnpike entrance in Craig County shall be  
11 designated as the "Bronze Star Recipient Marine Sgt. Justin Lee  
12 Noyes, KIA Iraq, Memorial Highway". The Department of  
13 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
14 name to be placed on the highway.

15 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.404 of Title 69, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The section of State Highway 56 beginning at the south edge of  
19 Wewoka extending north to the northern limits of Wewoka, in Seminole  
20 County shall be designated as the "Seminole Warrior John Horse  
21 Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
22 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
23 highway.

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1 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.405 of Title 69, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The section of State Highway 33 beginning at the intersection of  
5 State Highway 18 North in Cushing extending west two miles in Payne  
6 County shall be designated as the "William A. Ahrberg Memorial  
7 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
8 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

9 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.406 of Title 69, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The bridge located on U.S. Highway 59 one-half (1/2) mile south  
13 of Panama in Leflore County shall be designated as the "Specialist  
14 Robert Allan Pierce Memorial Bridge". The Department of  
15 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
16 name to be placed on the bridge.

17 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.407 of Title 69, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 The bridge crossing over U.S. Highway 75 on U.S. Highway 60 in  
21 Bartlesville, Washington County shall be designated as the "Dr.  
22 James R. McFarland Memorial Bridge". The Department of  
23 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
24 name to be placed on the bridge.

1 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.408 of Title 69, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The section of State Highway 30 beginning just north of the  
5 intersection of E 1060 Road extending north to the intersection of  
6 State Highway 47 in Roger Mills County shall be designated as the  
7 "MSgt. JW Easterling Memorial Highway". The Department of  
8 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
9 name to be placed on the highway.

10 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.409 of Title 69, unless  
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The section of State Highway 48A beginning at the intersection  
14 of State Highway 48A South (Wiley Corner) extending east through the  
15 community of Fillmore in Johnston County shall be designated as the  
16 "CW4 Wendell Carroll LaFevers Memorial Highway". The Department of  
17 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
18 name to be placed on the highway.

19 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.410 of Title 69, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The section of State Highway 34 beginning at the north edge of  
23 the town of Carter extending north to the intersection of State  
24 Highway 152 in Beckham County shall be designated as the "Colonel

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

4 SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.411 of Title 69, unless  
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The section of U.S. Highway 60 beginning at the intersection of  
8 U.S. Highway 283 extending three (3) miles westerly through the town  
9 of Arnett to the intersection of S. Road 1790 in Ellis County shall  
10 be designated as the "Marshal George Wilson Reddick Memorial  
11 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
12 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

13 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.412 of Title 69, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The section of State Highway 18 beginning at Black Bear Creek on  
17 the north edge of Pawnee extending north to the intersection of the  
18 State Highway 15 shall be designated as the "CDR Ernest Evans, First  
19 Tribal Recipient of the Medal of Honor, Memorial Trail". The  
20 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
21 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

22 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.413 of Title 69, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The intersection of State Highway 77H and S.E. 134th Street in  
2 Cleveland County shall be designated as the "Emily Gaines Memorial  
3 Intersection". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
4 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

5 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.414 of Title 69, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The section of U.S. Highway 277 on the west side of the H.E.  
9 Bailey Turnpike and extending west to the intersection of U.S.  
10 Highway 62 in Comanche County shall be designated as the "Gold Star  
11 Families Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall  
12 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on  
13 the highway.

14 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.415 of Title 69, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The bridge over Wewoka Creek on U.S. Highway 270 approximately  
18 six (6) miles west of the State Highway 56 intersection in Wewoka,  
19 Seminole County shall be designated as the "Col. George H. Massad  
20 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
21 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
22 bridge.

23 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.305,  
24 is amended to read as follows:



1           Section 1698.305   The ~~bridge located on~~ section of State Highway  
2 37 ~~one-half (0.5) mile west of the Stillwater Central Railroad~~  
3 ~~crossing in~~ beginning one (1) mile west of the intersection of State  
4 Highway 92 extending east through the town of Tuttle two and one-  
5 half (2 1/2) miles in Grady County shall be designated as the  
6 "Thelma "Chincie" Ross WWII Chickasaw Code Talker Memorial ~~Bridge~~  
7 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
8 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

9           SECTION 20.           AMENDATORY           Section 4, Chapter 356, O.S.L.  
10 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.367), is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12           Section 1698.367   The bridge crossing over the Turner Turnpike  
13 located on State Highway 18 at the north edge of Chandler in Lincoln  
14 County shall be designated as the "Purple Heart Recipient SGT Ronald  
15 M. Crews Vietnam Veteran Bridge". The Department of Transportation  
16 shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be  
17 placed on the bridge.

18           SECTION 21.           AMENDATORY           Section 28, Chapter 356, O.S.L.  
19 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.391), is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21           Section 1698.391   The bridge over the Canadian River on  
22 Interstate 40 in Canadian County shall be designated as the "Cecil  
23 A. Davis Sr. Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation  
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1 shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be  
2 placed on the bridge.

3 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY Section 32, Chapter 356, O.S.L.  
4 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.395), is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 Section 1698.395 The section of U.S. Highway 277 beginning at  
7 the intersection of Keeney Road near Elgin extending northeasterly  
8 to the H.E. Bailey Turnpike overpass in Comanche County shall be  
9 designated as the "Captain Mark ~~A.~~ E. Barker Memorial Highway". The  
10 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
11 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

12 SECTION 23. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02/28/2023 -  
15 DO PASS, As Amended.  
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