

BILL SUMMARY

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| Bill No.: | HB2416 |
| Version: | CS |
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| Author: | Rep. Johns |
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| Impact: | Highway and Bridge Designations Honoring Individuals Not Killed In Performance of Duties: \$0 to State; |

**Honoring Certain Individuals Killed In
Performance of Duties: \$1,300 per Location**

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2416 memorializes several highways and bridges across Oklahoma and modifies the location descriptions and names of certain memorialized highways and bridges.

New designations include the:

- SGT Christopher James "CJ" Nelson Memorial Intersection in Oklahoma County;
- Trooper John R. Barter Memorial Highway in Jackson County;
- Trooper Don Henley Memorial Highway in Pushmataha County;
- Bobbi White Memorial Bridge in Tulsa County;
- Bataan Death March Survivor Elmer "Red" Vanover Memorial Highway in Craig County;
- Bronze Star Recipient Marine Sgt. Justin Lee Noyes, KIA Iraq, Memorial Highway in Craig County;
- Seminole Warrior John Horse Memorial Highway in Seminole County;
- William A. Ahrberg Memorial Highway in Payne County;
- Specialist Robert Allan Pierce, KIA Memorial Bridge in Leflore County;
- Dr. James R. McFarland Memorial Bridge in Washington County;
- MSgt. JW Easterling Memorial Highway in Roger Mills County;
- CW4 Wendell Carroll LaFevers Memorial Highway in Johnston County;
- Colonel George Henry Normand Memorial Highway in Beckham County;
- Marshal George Wilson Reddick Memorial Highway in Ellis County;
- CDR Ernest Evans, First Tribal Recipient of the Medal of Honor, Memorial Trail in Pawnee County;
- Emily Gaines Memorial Intersection in Cleveland County;
- Gold Star Families Memorial Highway in Comanche County; and
- Col. George H. Massad Memorial Bridge in Seminole County.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2416 designates several memorial highways and bridges across Oklahoma. Title 69 O.S. § 1600 provides that the costs associated with signage related to the naming of highways and

bridges is to be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign, except in instances of naming a highway or bridge to honor members of the United States Armed Forces, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, peace officers, and first responders who were killed in the performance of their duties.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) currently estimates a cost of \$1,300 per location, with one sign needed at each end of the designated highway or bridge.

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Other Considerations

None.