

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2416

By: Johns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to memorial roads and bridges; designating the SGT Christopher James "CJ" Nelson Memorial Intersection; designating the Trooper John R. Barter Memorial Highway; designating the Trooper Don Henley Memorial Highway; designating the Bobbi White Memorial Bridge; designating the Bataan Death March Survivor Elmer "Red" Vanover Memorial Highway; designating the Bronze Star Recipient Marine Sgt. Justin Lee Noyes, KIA Irag, Memorial Highway; designating the Seminole Warrior John Horse Memorial Highway; designating the William A. Ahrberg Memorial Highway; designating the Spc. Robert Allen Pierce, KIA 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 32, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.395), which relates to the Captain Mark A. Barker Memorial Highway; modifying name of memorial; directing markers be placed; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

4 The intersection of U.S. Highway 77, also known as the Broadway
5 Extension, and Comfort Drive in Edmond, in Oklahoma County shall be
6 designated as the "SGT Christopher James "CJ" Nelson Memorial
7 Intersection". The Department of Transportation shall cause
8 suitable markers bearing that name to be placed at the intersection.

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

12 The section of U.S. Highway 62 beginning at the intersection of
13 State Highway 6 extending east to the intersection of U.S. Highway
14 283 in Altus, in Jackson County shall be designated as the "Trooper
15 John R. Barter Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation
16 shall cause suitable markers bearing that name to be placed on the
17 highway.

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

21 The section of U.S. Highway 271 beginning at the south edge of
22 Antlers extending south to the intersection of Airport Road in
23 Pushmataha County shall be designated as the "Trooper Don Henley
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1 Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause
2 suitable markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

13 The section of U.S. Highway 60 just east of the Will Rogers
14 Turnpike entrance in Vinita extending easterly to the intersection
15 of State Highway 82 South in Craig County shall be designated as the
16 "Bataan Death March Survivor Elmer "Red" Vanover Memorial Highway".
17 The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable markers
18 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

22 The section of U.S. Highway 60 beginning at the intersection of
23 South Kamo Drive extending northeasterly through Vinita to the west
24 side of the Will Rogers Turnpike entrance in Craig County shall be

1 designated as the "Bronze Star Recipient Marine Sgt. Justin Lee
2 Noyes, KIA Iraq, Memorial Highway". The Department of
3 Transportation shall cause suitable markers bearing that name to be
4 placed on the highway.

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

8 The section of State Highway 56 beginning at the south edge of
9 Wewoka extending north to the northern limits of Wewoka, in Seminole
10 County shall be designated as the "Seminole Warrior John Horse
11 Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause
12 suitable markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

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

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

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

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1 The bridge located on U.S. Highway 59 one-half (1/2) mile south
2 of Panama in Leflore County shall be designated as the "Spc. Robert
3 Allen Pierce, KIA Memorial Bridge". The Department of
4 Transportation shall cause suitable markers bearing that name to be
5 placed on the bridge.

6 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.305,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1698.305 The ~~bridge located on~~ section of State Highway
9 ~~37 one-half (0.5) mile west of the Stillwater Central Railroad~~
10 ~~crossing in~~ beginning one (1) mile west of the intersection of State
11 Highway 92 extending east through the town of Tuttle two and one-
12 half (2 1/2) miles in Grady County shall be designated as the
13 "Thelma "Chincie" Ross WWII Chickasaw Code Talker Memorial ~~Bridge~~
14 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
15 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

16 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 356, O.S.L.
17 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.367), is amended to read as
18 follows:

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

1 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY Section 32, Chapter 356, O.S.L.
2 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 1698.395), is amended to read as
3 follows:

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

10 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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