

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3516

By: Johns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to memorial roads and bridges; designating the C.B. and Lois Craft Memorial Bridge; designating the SFC Theodore Emmett Lowery Memorial Highway; designating the LCpl Charles Nick Bondi Memorial Highway; designating the Nettie Sands Memorial Bridge; designating the Dale McFarlin Memorial Highway; designating the Dr. Harry E. Heath, Jr. Memorial Bridge; designating the Ryan Gwaltney Memorial Bridge; designating the U.S. Army SGT William A. Fox, Jr. Memorial Bridge; designating the SSG Rusty Dunagan Memorial Bridge; designating the Cpl Mick Ray Bekowsky USMC Memorial Interchange; designating the LCpl Anthony D. Botello Memorial Bridge; requiring suitable permanent markers be placed; amending Section 8, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2023 (69 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 1698.405), which relates to the William A. Ahrberg Memorial Highway; modifying name of memorial; amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.11, which relates to the PFC John Reese, Jr., Medal of Honor/Purple Heart Memorial Highway; modifying name of memorial; amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.358, which relates to the Zachary Charles Keever Memorial Highway; modifying location of memorial; 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 1698.431 of Title 69, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The bridge on State Highway 31 crossing over Turkey Creek east  
5 of Lequire in Haskell County shall be designated as the "C.B. and  
6 Lois Craft Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall  
7 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on  
8 the bridge.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.432 of Title 69, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The section of U.S. Highway 64 beginning at the intersection of  
13 South 25th Street East in Keefeton, extending southeasterly to the  
14 intersection of U.S. Highway 64 and East 128th Street South in  
15 Muskogee County shall be designated as the "SFC Theodore Emmett  
16 Lowery Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall  
17 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on  
18 the highway.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.433 of Title 69, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The section of State Highway 66 beginning on the east side of  
23 the North Canadian River Bridge extending east through Bethany to  
24 the intersection of State Highway 66 and North Hammond Avenue in  
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1 Oklahoma County shall be designated as the "LCpl Charles Nick Bondi  
2 Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
3 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
4 highway.

5 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.434 of Title 69, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The bridge crossing over Big Eagle Creek on State Highway 144 in  
9 Leflore County shall be designated as the "Nettie Sands Memorial  
10 Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
11 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

12 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.435 of Title 69, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 The section of State Highway 18 beginning at the intersection of  
16 East 780 Road extending north through the town of Agra to the  
17 intersection of State Highway 18 and East 770 Road in Lincoln County  
18 shall be designated as the "Dale McFarlin Memorial Highway". The  
19 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
20 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

21 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.436 of Title 69, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1           The first bridge east of Sangre Road on State Highway 51  
2 crossing over Stillwater Creek in Payne County shall be designated  
3 as the "Dr. Harry E. Heath, Jr. Memorial Bridge". The Department of  
4 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
5 name to be placed on the bridge.

6           SECTION 7.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.437 of Title 69, unless  
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9           The bridge crossing over Interstate 44 on U.S. Highway 62 in  
10 Comanche County shall be designated as the "Ryan Gwaltney Memorial  
11 Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable  
12 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

13          SECTION 8.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.438 of Title 69, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16          The bridge on State Highway 9 east of Number 9 Marina Road  
17 crossing over Eufaula Lake in Pittsburg County shall be designated  
18 as the "U.S. Army SGT William A. Fox, Jr. Memorial Bridge". The  
19 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
20 bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

21          SECTION 9.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.439 of Title 69, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The bridge on State Highway 9W crossing over Interstate 35 in  
2 McClain County shall be designated as the "SSG Rusty Dunagan  
3 Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause  
4 suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the  
5 bridge.

6 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.440 of Title 69, unless  
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 The interchange of Interstate 35 and East Covell Road located in  
10 Edmond, Oklahoma County, shall be designated as the "Cpl Mick Ray  
11 Bekowsky USMC Memorial Interchange". The Department of  
12 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
13 name to be placed at the interchange.

14 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.441 of Title 69, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The bridge over Gaines Creek on U.S. Highway 270 southwesterly  
18 of Wilburton in Latimer County shall be designated as the "LCpl  
19 Anthony D. Botello Memorial Bridge". The Department of  
20 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
21 name to be placed on the bridge.

22 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 237, O.S.L.  
23 2023 (69 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 1698.405), is amended to read as  
24 follows:  
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1 Section 1698.405 The section of State Highway 33 beginning at  
2 the intersection of State Highway 18 North in Cushing extending west  
3 two (2) miles in Payne County shall be designated as the "Col.  
4 William A. Ahrberg World War II and Korea Memorial Highway". The  
5 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
6 bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

7 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.11, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1698.11 State Highway 20 between the municipal limits  
10 of Pryor and Salina shall be designated as the "PFC John ~~Reece~~  
11 Reese, Jr., Medal of Honor/Purple Heart Memorial Highway". The  
12 Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers  
13 to be placed on the highway bearing that name.

14 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1698.358,  
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1698.358 The section of U.S. Highway 62 beginning at  
17 the intersection of U.S. Highway 270 in the town of Harrah in  
18 Oklahoma County extending easterly to the intersection of State  
19 Highway 102 North in ~~Pottawatomie~~ Lincoln County shall be designated  
20 as the "Zachary Charles Kever Memorial Highway". The Department of  
21 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that  
22 name to be placed on the highway.

1 SECTION 15. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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