

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 61

5 By: Jech and Bullard of the
Senate

6 and

7 Johns, Crosswhite Hader,
Luttrell, **Shaw**, and **Maynard**
8 of the House

12 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

13 An Act relating to memorial highway and bridge
14 designations; designating the ABLE Agent Lori Thomas
Memorial Bridge; designating the Donald Ray Ward
15 Memorial Bridge; designating the Ike Glass Memorial
Intersection; designating the Novak and Jean Bullard
16 Memorial Bridge; designating the PFC Lewis Othel
Branscum Memorial Bridge; designating the SFC Tomas
17 L. Avey Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient
Memorial Highway; designating the SSGT Kenneth
18 Michael Pannell Memorial Highway; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.468 of Title 69, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The bridge on U.S. Highway 70 crossing over South 9th Avenue of
2 Durant in Bryan County shall be designated as the "ABLE Agent Lori
3 Thomas Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall
4 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on
5 the bridge.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.469 of Title 69, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 The bridge crossing over Interstate 240 on Interstate 40 in
10 Oklahoma County shall be designated as the "Donald Ray Ward Memorial
11 Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
12 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the bridge.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.470 of Title 69, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The intersection of U.S. Highway 77 and State Highway 11 in Kay
17 County shall be designated as the "Ike Glass Memorial Intersection".
18 The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent
19 markers bearing that name to be placed at the intersection.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.471 of Title 69, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 The bridge on U.S. Highway 69 crossing over West Main Street of
24 Durant in Bryan County shall be designated as the "Novak and Jean

1 Bullard Memorial Bridge". The Department of Transportation shall
2 cause suitable permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on
3 the bridge.

4 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.472 of Title 69, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The bridge over the Kiamichi River on U.S. Highway 259
8 approximately one-half (1/2) mile south of the U.S. Highway 259 and
9 State Highway 63 intersection in Le Flore County shall be designated
10 as the "PFC Lewis Othel Branscum Memorial Bridge". The Department
11 of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing
12 that name to be placed on the bridge.

13 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.473 of Title 69, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The section of State Highway 102 beginning at the intersection
17 of East 990 Road extending north to the intersection of East
18 Memorial Road in Lincoln County shall be designated as the "SFC
19 Tomas L. Avey Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient Memorial
20 Highway". The Department of Transportation shall cause suitable
21 permanent markers bearing that name to be placed on the highway.

22 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.474 of Title 69, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The section of State Highway 7 beginning at the intersection of
2 State Highway 110, east of Davis, extending east to the intersection
3 of Chickasaw Trail in Murray County shall be designated as the "SSGT
4 Kenneth Michael Pannell Memorial Highway". The Department of
5 Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers bearing that
6 name to be placed on the highway.

7 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OVERSIGHT, dated 04/23/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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