

Statement from Oklahoma Speaker of the House Chris Benge

“Wilma Mankiller broke down barriers as the first female Cherokee chief, and her legacy will continue for generations to come,” said House Speaker Chris Benge, who is Cherokee. “She overcame many obstacles and never backed down to a challenge, which serves as a lesson to all of us as we seek to make our state a better place for all its people. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family during this difficult time.”