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## Enoch Kelly Haney

Prior to becoming Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Enoch Kelly Haney served in both the Oklahoma Senate as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Oklahoma House of Representatives as the Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He was the first full-blood Native American to serve in either house of the Oklahoma Legislature.

Haney is an internationally recognized artist. In 1976, The Five Civilized Tribes Museum declared him a Master Artist. Most notably, he created "The Guardian," a 22-foot bronze sculpture which adorns the Oklahoma State Capitol dome. Modeled after Haney's own relatives, "The Guardian" took 10 months to complete, weighs 4,000 pounds, and was erected on June 7, 2002.

Kelly Haney produced and hosted his own weekly television program. He also narrated and worked as a consultant for the Seminole series of the Discovery Channel's 1993 television documentary series, "How the West was Lost." He currently resides in Norman, Oklahoma where he continues to create his beautiful artwork in his Norman studio.