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Washington, D.C. -- Hazel E. Elbert, a Creek Indian and Legislative Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has been named a Fellow for the 1972-73 Congressional Operations program, Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, announced today.

The objective of the program is to give promising young Federal executives, journalists, political scientists and educators a thorough understanding of congressional operations. It is administered jointly by the Civil Service Commission and the American Political Science Foundation.

Said Commissioner Bruce, in commenting on the honor, "Mrs. Elbert has had ever-increasingly responsible jobs, leading to her present post in the Bureau's Office of Legislative Development. I am confident she will make the most of this career opportunity. "

The Eufaula, Okla., native is a graduate of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Haskell Institute, now Haskell Indian Junior College. She began 'her career with the Federal Government in the Division of Indian Health, U. S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, where she served from 1957 to 1966, since that time she has been with the Bureau's Office of Legislative Development.

Young Federal executives selected for the Fellowship in Congressional operations will have the opportunity to study and learn firsthand how the Congress functions. They will participate in full-time work assignments in the offices of Congressmen and Senators and in the Congressional Committees from mid-November of this year until August 1973.