

By the Committee on Community Affairs and Representatives  
Maygarden, Ritchie, Burroughs, Melvin and Peadar

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building designations;  
3           designating and naming the Children's Medical  
4           Services facility currently under construction  
5           at 5192 Bayou Boulevard in the City of  
6           Pensacola, Escambia County, as the "Dr. Reed  
7           Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb Building";  
8           directing the Department of Management Services  
9           to erect suitable markers; designating and  
10          naming the president's residence at the  
11          University of Central Florida as the "Burnett  
12          House"; authorizing the University of Central  
13          Florida to erect suitable markers; designating  
14          and naming the School of Communications at the  
15          University of Central Florida as the "Anthony  
16          J. Nicholson School of Communications";  
17          authorizing the University of Central Florida  
18          to erect suitable markers; providing an  
19          effective date.

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21           WHEREAS, the late John H. Whitcomb, M.D., was a  
22          distinguished pediatrician and pediatric cardiologist, with  
23          over 35 years of practice in Florida, and

24           WHEREAS, Dr. Whitcomb had been Director of Medical  
25          Affairs at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola and Director of  
26          Children's Medical Services for District I of the Department  
27          of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and

28           WHEREAS, Reed Bell, Sr., M.D., is a distinguished  
29          pediatrician and pediatric endocrinologist, with over 35 years  
30          of practice and teaching experience and a multitude of  
31          professional and academic achievements in these fields, and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Bell is presently Director of Children's  
2 Medical Services for District I of the Department of Health,  
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4           WHEREAS, it is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments  
5 of these two dedicated pediatric physicians that the  
6 Children's Medical Services facility in Pensacola be named in  
7 their honor, and

8           WHEREAS, Al and Nancy Burnett have been long-time  
9 friends of higher education and, in particular, the University  
10 of Central Florida, and

11           WHEREAS, their generosity established the Al  
12 Burnett-Contemporary Cars Eminent Scholar Chair in Accounting  
13 at the University of Central Florida in 1993, and

14           WHEREAS, the Burnett gifts to the University of Central  
15 Florida now exceed \$1,000,000, and

16           WHEREAS, Al and Nancy Burnett are supporters of many  
17 community activities in Central Florida such as diabetes  
18 research, United Way, the Orlando Science Center, and the  
19 Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and

20           WHEREAS, the latest Burnett gift to the University of  
21 Central Florida provided the funds needed to complete the  
22 first president's residence at the university, and

23           WHEREAS, Anthony J. Nicholson, has been a resident of  
24 Central Florida since 1968 and a successful developer, and

25           WHEREAS, he has bequeathed a charitable gift to the  
26 University of Central Florida valued at \$2,000,000 and  
27 intended to endow the programs of the School of Communications  
28 at the University of Central Florida, and

29           WHEREAS, this generous gift will qualify the School of  
30 Communications for a state matching appropriation, creating a  
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1 fund to sustain academic excellence in the academic activities  
2 of the School of Communications in perpetuity, and

3 WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida desires to  
4 designate the School of Communications as the "Anthony J.  
5 Nicholson School of Communications," NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. The Children's Medical Services facility  
10 presently under construction at 5192 Bayou Boulevard in the  
11 City of Pensacola, Escambia County, is hereby designated as  
12 the "Dr. Reed Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb Building."

13 Section 2. The Department of Management Services is  
14 authorized and directed to erect appropriate markers  
15 designating the "Dr. Reed Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb  
16 Building."

17 Section 3. The president's residence at the University  
18 of Central Florida is hereby designated as the "Burnett  
19 House."

20 Section 4. The University of Central Florida is  
21 authorized to erect suitable markers designating the "Burnett  
22 House."

23 Section 5. The School of Communications at the  
24 University of Central Florida is hereby designated as the  
25 "Anthony J. Nicholson School of Communications."

26 Section 6. The University of Central Florida is  
27 authorized to erect suitable markers designating the "Anthony  
28 J. Nicholson School of Communications."

29 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
30 law.

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