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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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