

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building designations;  
3           designating the first building constructed on  
4           the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University as  
5           the "Ben Hill Griffin III Building"; directing  
6           the Board of Regents of the Division of  
7           Universities of the Department of Education to  
8           erect suitable markers; providing an effective  
9           date.

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11           WHEREAS, Ben Hill Griffin III and his family,  
12 distinguished members of the business community and  
13 philanthropists, are longtime supporters of education in the  
14 State of Florida, and

15           WHEREAS, Ben Hill Griffin III and his family have  
16 contributed many millions of dollars to the university system  
17 in the State of Florida, and

18           WHEREAS, Ben Hill Griffin III, the Chairman of the  
19 Alico, Inc., Board of Directors, members of the board, and  
20 their stockholders have dedicated themselves to supporting  
21 higher education and to continued support of the State of  
22 Florida, particularly Southwest Florida, and

23           WHEREAS, Alico, through Ben Hill Griffin III, with the  
24 full support of its Board of Directors, contributed a 760-acre  
25 site to the Florida Board of Regents to establish the campus  
26 of Florida Gulf Coast University, the 10th member of the State  
27 University System of Florida, located in Southwest Florida,  
28 and

29           WHEREAS, through Mr. Griffin's leadership, Alico's  
30 contributions to Florida Gulf Coast University to date include  
31 not only the site location but also a separate gift of 215

1 acres, \$1.2 million to fund academic chairs, \$2.4 million for  
2 road construction, \$200,000 for design assistance, and  
3 cooperative planning for a 1/2-mile buffer around the  
4 university site, and

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that loyal and distinguished  
6 friends and supporters of Florida Gulf Coast University be  
7 recognized for their contribution to Florida's newest  
8 university, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 Section 1. Ben Hill Griffin III Building designated;  
13 erection of suitable markers.--

14 (1) The first building constructed on the campus of  
15 Florida Gulf Coast University is hereby designated as the "Ben  
16 Hill Griffin III Building."

17 (2) The Board of Regents of the Division of  
18 Universities of the Department of Education shall erect  
19 suitable markers designating the "Ben Hill Griffin III  
20 Building" as described in subsection (1).

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
22 law.