

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to building designations;
3 designating the State Veterans' Nursing Home in
4 Pembroke Pines as the Alexander "Sandy"
5 Nininger, Jr. State Veterans' Nursing Home;
6 directing the Department of Veterans' Affairs
7 to erect suitable markers; designating the
8 Florida Records Storage Center of the
9 Department of State as the Jim Smith Building;
10 directing the Department of State to erect
11 suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., a graduate of
14 Ft. Lauderdale High School and the United States Military
15 Academy, served as a First Lieutenant in the United States
16 Army, and

17 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., was serving
18 with Company K, 57th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, when he
19 engaged enemy forces near Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands
20 on January 12, 1942, and

21 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., repeatedly
22 forced his way into hostile positions and engaged in
23 hand-to-hand combat with an enemy force having superior
24 firepower, and

25 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., despite being
26 wounded three times, continued his attacks, pushing alone far
27 behind enemy lines, and

28 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr.'s bravery and
29 heroic actions resulted in his death at the hands of the
30 enemy, and

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1 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., was awarded
2 the Congressional Medal of Honor on February 10, 1942, for
3 exceptional courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty, NOW,
4 THEREFORE,

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

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8 Section 1. The State Veterans' Home in Pembroke Pines
9 is designated the Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., State
10 Veterans' Nursing Home.

11 Section 2. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is
12 directed to erect suitable markers bearing the designation
13 made by this act.

14 Section 3. (1) The building currently housing the
15 Florida Records Storage Center of the Department of State,
16 located at 4319 Shelfer Road in Tallahassee, is designated the
17 "Jim Smith Building" in honor of former Secretary of State Jim
18 Smith who served as Florida's 21st Secretary of State from
19 August 5, 1987, to January 3, 1995.

20 (2) The Department of State shall erect suitable
21 markers bearing the designation made by this section.

22 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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