HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ANALYSIS

- BILL #: HB 827 (PCB CU 00-01)
- **RELATING TO:** Designation of Buildings and Facilities
- **SPONSOR(S)**: Committee on Colleges & Universities, Representative Robert Casey, and Others

TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES YEAS 4 NAYS 0
- I. <u>SUMMARY</u>:

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law.

This bill permits Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of North Florida, and the University of South Florida to name certain buildings and/or facilities on their respective campuses. This bill also authorizes these state universities to erect suitable markers for the name designations.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1.	Less Government	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
2.	Lower Taxes	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
3.	Individual Freedom	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
4.	Personal Responsibility	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]
5.	Family Empowerment	Yes []	No []	N/A [X]

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

According to section 267.062, Florida Statutes, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility can be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law.

Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, the University of North Florida, and the University of South Florida submitted requests to the Board of Regents in order to seek legislative approval to name certain buildings and/or facilities on their respective campuses. The Board of Regents has approved all of the name designations. The state universities recommended these name designations in order to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of various individuals.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill designates the baseball field at Florida A&M University as the "Oscar A. Moore-Costa Kittles Baseball Field."

This bill designates the tennis courts at Florida A&M University as the "Althea Gibson Tennis Courts."

This bill designates the Athletic Center at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Tom Oxley Athletic Center and Fields."

This bill designates the new Fine Arts Building at Florida Atlantic University's John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter as the "Hibel Fine Arts Building."

This bill designates the new classroom and office space for the College of Business at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Carl DeSantis Pavilion."

This bill designates the new presidential residence at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Eleanor R. Baldwin House."

This bill designates the academic building currently known as Building #2 housing the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Business at Florida Gulf Coast University as "Charles B. Reed Hall."

This bill designates the Student Services Building at Florida Gulf Coast University as "Roy E. McTarnaghan Hall."

This bill designates the Seminole Golf Course at Florida State University as the "Don A. Veller Seminole Golf Course."

This bill designates the building currently known as Building #76 at Florida State University as "William A. Tanner Hall."

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This bill designates the new clubhouse building at the Seminole Golf Course at Florida State University as the "David Middleton Golf Center."

This bill designates the Administration Building at the University of Central Florida as "Millican Hall."

This bill designates the Humanities and Fine Arts Building at the University of Central Florida as "Colbourn Hall."

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This bill designates the Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Florida as the "Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts."

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: Designates the baseball field at Florida A&M University as the "Oscar A. Moore-Costa Kittles Baseball Field."

The late Oscar A. Moore was a teacher, coach, academic leader, and administrator at Florida A&M University for nearly 30 years. During his tenure as baseball coach, Florida A&M University produced several All-Americans who went on to play in the major leagues. Among these All-Americans was the late William "Bill" Lucas.

Costa Kittles assumed the leadership of the Florida A&M University baseball program after the retirement of Dr. Oscar A. Moore. He amassed a record of 401-102, won eight Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) baseball titles, and finished second nine times. He piloted Rattler baseball teams into six National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) district playoffs and one NAIA national tournament. Among his star athletes are Hal McRae and Andre Dawson.

<u>SECTION 2</u>: Designates the tennis courts at Florida A&M University as the "Althea Gibson Tennis Courts."

Althea Gibson was a star athlete in tennis while a student at Florida A&M University. A pioneer in the realm of professional tennis, Ms. Gibson was the first African-American allowed to compete in the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association and in the U.S. Nationals. She became the first African-American to play at the U.S. Open in Forest Hills, N.Y., and the first to play in and win the French Open in 1956. At the age of 30, she made history again as the first African-American to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals, the world's two most prestigious tennis tournaments. The following year in 1958, Ms. Gibson repeated both accomplishments.

<u>SECTION 3</u>: Designates the Athletic Center at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Tom Oxley Athletic Center and Fields."

Thomas E. Oxley graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 1966 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. Mr. Oxley is currently the President of the Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca Raton. He has been involved in the sport of polo throughout his life. Mr. Oxley played polo competitively but suffered a life threatening injury during a match that left him in a coma. Medical doctors did not believe Mr. Oxley would ever walk again, but with intense therapy, Mr. Oxley conquered his disability.

<u>SECTION 4</u>: Designates the new Fine Arts Building at Florida Atlantic University's John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter as the "Hibel Fine Arts Building."

Edna Hibel is a celebrated American artist. She was one of the youngest artists to have a painting in the collection of a major American museum when the Boston Museum of Fine Arts purchased one of her early paintings. In 1969, patrons of Ms. Hibel's work built the Hibel Museum in Palm Beach. The museum is the world's only nonprofit, public museum dedicated to the work of a living American woman. Ms. Hibel's work has been exhibited in museums and galleries located in more than 20 countries. The U.S. National Archives commissioned Ms. Hibel to produce works in order to commemorate 75 years of women receiving the right to vote; the White House Historical Association commissioned Ms. Hibel to produce works in order to commemorate the 200th year of the White House and the founding of Washington D.C.; and the U.S. Postal Service commissioned Ms. Hibel to produce works in order to commemorate the United Nations.

<u>SECTION 5</u>: Designates the new classroom and office space for the College of Business at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Carl DeSantis Pavilion."

Carl DeSantis is the founder and chairman of Rexall Sundown, Inc., one of the world's leading producers and distributors of vitamins, nutritional supplements, and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals. As a stock clerk at a drugstore, Mr. DeSantis realized that a demand existed for an inexpensive and effective sunburn treatment. As a result, he developed a sunburn treatment called Sundown. He then began producing and marketing high quality vitamins. In 1985, Mr. DeSantis acquired the Rexall name and in 1990, he developed a successful network marketing company (Rexall Showcase International). Mr. DeSantis is a generous donor to community causes, especially health care causes.

<u>SECTION 6</u>: Designates the new presidential residence at Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton Campus as the "Eleanor R. Baldwin House."

Eleanor R. Baldwin was a social studies teacher at Deerfield Beach High School and is the President of the Baldwin Family Foundation. At Florida Atlantic University, Ms. Baldwin is a life member of the President's Club and a member of the Advisory Board of the College of Education. Ms. Baldwin and her mother, Violet R. Baldwin, established the Eleanor R. Baldwin Genesis Scholarship Fund within the College of Education.

<u>SECTION 7</u>: Designates the academic building currently known as Building #2 housing the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Business at Florida Gulf Coast University as "Charles B. Reed Hall."

Dr. Charles Reed served with distinction as Chancellor of the State University System of Florida from 1985 until 1998. In 1990, recognizing the rapid growth for higher education in the years ahead, he supported studies that eventually led to recommendations to the Board of Regents and to the Legislature that a new university be established in southwest Florida.

During the development of the university mission, Dr. Reed was firm in his commitment to developing innovative practices in teaching and learning, increasing the use of technology especially for distance learning, and developing strong environmental programs. His personal investment over a five-year period was crucial to the opening of the university in terms of site selection, facility planning, and securing operating and capital funds during the critical start-up phase. Negotiations with local, state, and federal agencies might have caused serious delays had it not been for his clear vision and tenacity. Under Dr. Reed's leadership as Chancellor, Florida Gulf Coast University opened its doors on time to serve the citizens of southwest Florida and all of Florida.

<u>SECTION 8</u>: Designates the Student Services Building at Florida Gulf Coast University as "Roy E. McTarnaghan Hall."

Roy E. McTarnaghan has served with distinction as the founding President of Florida Gulf Coast University since his appointment in April, 1993. His involvement in the university began in 1990 while serving as Executive Vice Chancellor for the State University System, where he authored the Ten-Year Development Plan for the state's tenth university. He has served the State University System for 23 years as vice chancellor and university president.

The building of a new university required great leadership and vision. Dr. McTarnaghan successfully led the process which included site and land development; campus master planning and architectural design; permitting and construction; academic program development; faculty and staff hiring; legislative funding and support; private donations for endowed academic chairs; new buildings and campus enhancements; community alliances and support; recruitment of the institution's first students; and creative new methods of higher education delivery and operation through distance learning, flexible multi-year faculty appointments, service learning, and community partnerships.

<u>SECTION 9</u>: Designates the Seminole Golf Course at Florida State University as the "Don A. Veller Seminole Golf Course."

Dr. Don A. Veller joined the faculty of Florida State University (FSU) in August 1948 as Associate Professor of Physical Education for Men and FSU's second Head Football Coach. He was promoted to Professor of Physical Education for Men in 1950 and continued to serve as Head Football Coach until 1952, ending with a record of 31 wins, 21 losses, and one tie. In 1952, he became Men's Varsity Golf Coach and served in that capacity until his retirement. During the late 1950's, Dr. Veller also served as Assistant Director and then Associate Director

of Intercollegiate Athletics and as Director of the Southern Scholarship Research Foundation. On September 13, 1974, Dr. Veller became Professor Emeritus, capping a distinguished 26year career at FSU.

SECTION 10: Designates the building currently known as Building #76 at Florida State University as "William A. Tanner Hall."

William A. Tanner headed the formation of the FSU Police Department in 1959 and served as its leader and mentor for 35 years. Chief Tanner not only served the Florida State University as its first police chief, but he is also a graduate of the university. He actually began his career at FSU as a student in 1946 after retiring from military service during World War II. As a student, Chief Tanner played first base on FSU's first varsity baseball team and worked his way through college as a dining hall waiter and dishwasher.

Chief Tanner began his professional career in August 1959, with an organization that consisted of 17 security guards that in reality were watchmen. More than any other individual, William A. Tanner is responsible for changing a small and unprofessional group into a highly respected organization that now consists of 56 sworn law enforcement professionals and 30 support personnel. When Chief Tanner retired in August 1994, he left behind a transformed organization of women and men capable of providing a full range of law enforcement services to the campus community. Throughout his career, Chief Tanner was well known as a creative and innovative professional who was not afraid to take on the reins of leadership. He was the first to hire African Americans and women into the law enforcement ranks in North Florida, most notably during a period when it was not popular to do so.

<u>SECTION 11</u>: Designates the building currently known as Building #1012 on the Panama City Campus of Florida State University as the "Larson M. Bland Conference Center."

Dr. Larson M. Bland was named the first director of the University of West Florida Panama City Center after the Board of Regents established the Center in 1972 to make higher education available to citizens living in major populated areas located beyond a reasonable commuting distance to a state-supported university. He began the program with one secretary and 60 students, all housed in pre-World War II buildings that were once a shipyard.

In 1982, the Legislature transferred the administration of the Center to Florida State University. The Panama City Campus (PCC) was relocated into a small and renovated apartment quadraplex as a temporary facility. Over the next several years, Dr. Bland played an important role in the building of the campus by meeting with the architect, designers, suppliers, and contractors, as well as working diligently to secure funding for the staff that was necessary to operate the new campus. His visionary leadership also resulted in the first Interactive Television System (ITV) at FSU, which was also one of the first in the state. This technology enabled courses to be offered in an efficient way, without compromising the interaction between students and instructors. He also worked extremely hard to provide resources for those who could not afford to attend FSU-PCC without some assistance. He was also the driving force behind the creation and growth of the FSU-PCC Foundation, now called the Development Board. Due largely to his leadership, the Development Board now provides scholarships to deserving students and additional funding for special projects.

Throughout his 26 years of leadership as Dean of the Panama City Campus, Dr. Bland carefully guided the campus through the times of growth and expansion, as well as the turbulent times of change. He maintained his vision for the campus and inspired those around him.

<u>SECTION 12</u>: Designates the new clubhouse building at the Seminole Golf Course at Florida State University as the "David Middleton Golf Center."

David Middleton is a graduate of Florida State University, is a former varsity golf letterman, and is a member of the Varsity Club. He currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the Seminole Boosters, Inc. Mr. Middleton also served as a member of the Florida State University College of Business Alumni and Advisors Board.

Mr. Middleton is currently the District Director and First Vice President for the Southeastern District for Merrill Lynch. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the St. Vincent Foundation, the River Club, and the Ronald McDonald House. His past services include President and Trustee of the Toyota Gator Bowl and Vice Chairman of the 1995 United Way Campaign.

SECTION 13: Designates the Administration Building at the University of Central Florida as "Millican Hall."

Dr. Charles N. Millican served as the founding president of the University of Central Florida (UCF), then Florida Technological University, from 1965-1978 and has devoted more than 30 years of service to UCF. After stepping down from the presidency, Dr. Millican continued on as a professor of finance in the College of Business Administration until 1981.

Before his tenure with UCF, Dr. Millican held top positions at the University of South Florida, Hardin-Simmons University (Texas), the University of Florida, and Union University (Tennessee). He received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Union University, his M.A. in Economics from George Peabody College, and his Ph.D. in Business Finance and Economics from the University of Florida. He also received honorary LL.D. degrees from both Rollins College and the University of Central Florida. Additionally, Dr. Millican was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Awards from the University of Florida as well as Union University.

Since 1992, Dr. Millican has been dedicated to university development at UCF as the Special Assistant to the UCF Foundation President. During his involvement in UCF's ongoing fundraising efforts, Dr. Millican has been involved in solidifying numerous major gifts to the university including donations for building the president's home, the Robinson Observatory, and various scholarship funds.

<u>SECTION 14</u>: Designates the Humanities and Fine Arts Building at the University of Central Florida as "Colbourn Hall."

Dr. Trevor Colbourn served as the second president of the University of Central Florida from 1978-1989 and oversaw its change in name from Florida Technological University to the University of Central Florida. During his term as president, enrollment doubled to nearly 20,000 students and UCF's first doctoral programs were initiated in Computer Science, Engineering, Business Administration, and Human Factors (Psychology). He is also credited with the establishment of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Undergraduate Studies Office, and the Honors Program. During his tenure, the university also established the Central Florida Research Park, which has been rated one of the top ten university-related parks in the country.

Dr. Colbourn holds degrees from the University of London, the College of William and Mary, and The Johns Hopkins University, where he earned his doctorate in American History in 1953. He taught at Penn State University and Indiana University, served as Graduate Dean at the University of New Hampshire, and served as the Academic Vice President and Acting President at San Diego State University before he arrived at UCF in 1978. He was appointed

President Emeritus at UCF in January 1990, University Historian in October 1991, and is currently compiling an oral history of the university.

<u>SECTION 15</u>: Designates the facility that houses the Honors College at the University of Central Florida as "Burnett Hall."

Al Burnett is a prominent businessman in central Florida who owned Contemporary Cars of Maitland, ABC Printing, CSI Properties, Contemporary Sales, Inc., and First Continental Leasing. Mr. Burnett served as a trustee of the UCF Foundation from 1985 to 1996. He currently serves as Trustee Emeritus of the UCF Foundation. Mr. Burnett generously supported several organizations in the Orlando area over the years, including the University of Central Florida, the American Cancer Society, the United Way, the Orlando Science Center, and the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch.

<u>SECTION 16</u>: Designates the Cancer Center at the University of Florida as the "Jerry W. and Judith S. Davis Cancer Center."

Jerry Davis is a 1968 graduate of the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications, is on the University of Florida Foundation Board of Directors, and serves as co-chairman of the College of Journalism and Communications' *It's Performance That Counts* campaign committee. He is also the co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Computer Management Sciences, Inc., a Jacksonville-based information technology consulting firm. Judith Davis currently serves on the board of directors of the Jacksonville chapter of the American Cancer Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are cancer survivors who have donated generously to the University of Florida to support the development of improved methods of cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

The Davis' have made the largest single private commitment to the College of Medicine's cancer research program. Income from this endorsement will be used to recruit world-class scientists and expand cutting-edge cancer research programs the college could otherwise not afford.

<u>SECTION 17</u>: Designates the University Athletic Center at the University of Florida as the "L. Gale Lemerand Athletics Center."

At the age of 40, Gale Lemerand left a position working for an established company and started his own company called Gale Institution, which later became known as Gale Industries. By 1994, Mr. Lemerand headed the largest home insulation business in the United States and had been named Florida Entrepreneur of the Year. After he sold the company to Masco Corporation, he stayed on as its president and CEO. He doubled the volume of sales for Masco and won the company's highest honor, the President's Award.

Through a friendship with former Gator Boosters President William Lloyd, Mr. Lemerand developed an interest in athletics at the University of Florida (UF), particularly Gator football. Knowing that UF athletics depends on private support for assistance with new and improved facilities, Mr. Lemerand committed himself to renovating the offices of UF's football coaches. The university dedicated the new offices in 1997. He has subsequently pledged monies to the University of Florida Athletic Center, which houses facilities for spring sports, coaches, administrative staff, and locker rooms.

SECTION 18: Designates the tennis facility at the University of Florida as the "Alfred A. Ring Tennis Complex."

Dr. Alfred A. Ring, a professor emeritus at the University of Florida and author of a text on real estate appraisal that is used nationwide, has contributed donations to the tennis program at the university. He is also a distinguished Director of the Gator Boosters. As professor emeritus, he has given back to the university monetary gifts equaling more than four times the entire salary he received from the university during his career.

<u>SECTION 19</u>: Designates the Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Florida as the "Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts."

Dr. Curtis M. Phillips practiced surgical oncology for 35 years in Jacksonville before retiring in 1992. Several of Dr. Phillips' children are graduates from the University of Florida. Dr. Phillips possesses a longstanding professional relationship with the university's medical school. He served as a clinical professor at the teaching hospital in Jacksonville, which is now known as the University Medical Center. Dr. Phillips was also the chief of the cancer clinics at St. Vincent's Medical Center and the University Medical Center. He also served as the head of the cancer surgery unit at Baptist Medical Center.

After attending a performance of *Romeo and Juliet on Ice* by the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet at the University of Florida Performing Arts Center, Dr. Phillips was so impressed with the performance and the facility, that he agreed to donate his 60-acre horse farm and home in Mandarin to the University of Florida. Once the university sells the property, the proceeds will be used to support teaching, research, and academic and community outreach programs at the Performing Arts Center.

SECTION 20: Designates the Golf Management and Learning Center at the University of North Florida as the "John and Geraldine Hayt Golf Management & Learning Center."

John and Geraldine Hayt have contributed generously for the establishment of a Golf Management and Learning Center at the University of North Florida. John Hayt recently retired as the Chief Executive Officer of EquiCredit Corporation, a consumer finance company based in Jacksonville. The gift received a state match through the Courtelis Matching Gifts Program.

The Golf Management and Learning Center (which is to be completed fall term, 2000) will consist of three golf holes, a driving range, practice greens, and bunkers surrounding a 10,000 square foot academic facility. The center will afford a venue to teach golf both recreationally as well as allowing for the establishment of a golf management curriculum in the College of Business Administration. Additionally, the university is actively working with the Professional Golf Association and the World of Golf Village to establish joint programs for inner city youth and related educational experiences, including becoming part of a nationwide model for the development of environmentally sensitive golf course maintenance practices.

<u>SECTION 21</u>: Designates the student residence at the University of South Florida currently known as Gamma Hall as "Betty Castor Hall."

Betty Castor served as the President of the University of South Florida (USF) from 1993 to 1999. During her tenure as president, she obtained additional resources, enhanced the university's relationship with its six service-area community colleges, and promoted the use of technology to deliver distance education. Ms. Castor also oversaw efforts that dramatically raised the profile of research at USF, increasing the annual level of grants and contracts for scientific studies by nearly \$50 million. Under her leadership, USF expanded its commitment to teaching, research, and service in the Tampa Bay area and internationally. Prior to her appointment to the presidency, Ms. Castor served as the State of Florida's Commissioner of

Education from 1986 to 1993, served as a State Senator from 1976 to 1978 and from 1982 to 1986, and served a President Pro Tempore of the Florida Senate from 1985 to 1986.

<u>SECTION 22</u>: Authorizes the respective universities to erect suitable markers for the aforementioned designations.

<u>SECTION 23</u>: Establishes that this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. <u>Revenues</u>:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. <u>Revenues</u>:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

This bill does not appear to have a direct economic impact on the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take action which requires the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. <u>COMMENTS</u>:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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