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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to university building designation;  
 3           designating a building located at the University of South  
 4           Florida St. Petersburg as "H. William Heller Hall";  
 5           directing the university to erect suitable markers;  
 6           providing an effective date.

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 8           WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 9           University of South Florida St. Petersburg has seen new  
 10          developments, including the addition of lower-division academic  
 11          programming which advanced the campus from an institution  
 12          serving only juniors, seniors, and graduate students to a full  
 13          4-year institution, and

14          WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 15          University of South Florida St. Petersburg initiated the process  
 16          to achieve separate accreditation from the Southern Association  
 17          of Colleges and Schools, and

18          WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 19          University of South Florida St. Petersburg expanded course and  
 20          program offerings so that students now are able to take entire  
 21          course loads at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg  
 22          and graduate on a timely basis, and

23          WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 24          University of South Florida St. Petersburg won approval for  
 25          residence halls on campus, a first for a University of South  
 26          Florida regional campus, and

27          WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 28          University of South Florida St. Petersburg obtained nearly a 30-  
 29          percent budget increase as a result of 2002 legislative

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30 appropriations, representing a milestone for the campus and  
 31 providing an opportunity for the university and campus to shape  
 32 academic programs for years to come, and

33 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 34 University of South Florida St. Petersburg fostered  
 35 university/community partnerships with the Florida Humanities  
 36 Council, YWCA, All Children's Hospital, USGS, Pinellas County  
 37 schools, City of St. Petersburg, and Bayboro neighbors, and

38 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 39 University of South Florida St. Petersburg increased diversity  
 40 among students and faculty, realizing a gain of 20.5 percent in  
 41 minority recruitment, and

42 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 43 University of South Florida St. Petersburg expanded disability  
 44 services, and

45 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 46 University of South Florida St. Petersburg implemented a  
 47 successful SAT preparation program for minorities, increasing  
 48 student SAT scores by an average of more than 100 points, and

49 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 50 University of South Florida St. Petersburg completed an economic  
 51 impact study with projections to 2012, and

52 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 53 University of South Florida St. Petersburg initiated and  
 54 completed revision of the 1994-1995 master plan for the campus,  
 55 and

56 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 57 University of South Florida St. Petersburg increased access to

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58 University of South Florida offerings throughout Pinellas County  
 59 by offering as many as 10 off-campus sites, and

60 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 61 University of South Florida St. Petersburg increased student  
 62 enrollment by 55 percent in 5 years, surpassing FTE enrollment  
 63 goals, and

64 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 65 University of South Florida St. Petersburg tripled enrollment in  
 66 the Honors Program in 2 years, and

67 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 68 University of South Florida St. Petersburg implemented three new  
 69 degree programs, and

70 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 71 University of South Florida St. Petersburg nearly tripled the  
 72 number of faculty members, and

73 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 74 University of South Florida St. Petersburg developed a  
 75 responsive governance infrastructure for the campus,  
 76 establishing the first A&P and USPS councils, as well as the  
 77 Vice President's Council, and

78 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 79 University of South Florida St. Petersburg spearheaded the Urban  
 80 Initiative, and

81 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 82 University of South Florida St. Petersburg implemented a St.  
 83 Petersburg College presence on campus that provides educational  
 84 opportunities for approximately 500 students, and

85 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 86 University of South Florida St. Petersburg created an internal

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87 infrastructure that permits greater input into campus  
 88 decisionmaking by all groups on campus, and

89 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 90 University of South Florida St. Petersburg promoted the offering  
 91 of Saturday classes on campus, and

92 WHEREAS, under H. William Heller's leadership, the  
 93 University of South Florida St. Petersburg increased external  
 94 funding exponentially, and

95 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it appropriate to honor H.  
 96 William Heller's leadership and contributions to the University  
 97 of South Florida St. Petersburg and the Tampa Bay community,  
 98 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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102 Section 1. (1) The building known as Coquina Hall,  
 103 located on the campus of the University of South Florida St.  
 104 Petersburg in Pinellas County, is designated "H. William Heller  
 105 Hall."

106 (2) The University of South Florida St. Petersburg is  
 107 directed to erect suitable markers designating H. William Heller  
 108 Hall as described in subsection (1).

109 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon the effective  
 110 date of the retirement or resignation of H. William Heller from,  
 111 or the termination of H. William Heller's employment with, the  
 112 University of South Florida St. Petersburg.