

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 769                      University Building Designations  
**SPONSOR(S):** Galvano  
**TIED BILLS:**                             **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1616

<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>ANALYST</b>	<b>STAFF DIRECTOR</b>
1) <u>Colleges &amp; Universities Committee</u>	_____	<u>Davis</u>	<u>Tilton</u>
2) <u>Governmental Operations Committee</u>	_____	_____	_____
3) <u>Education Appropriations Committee</u>	_____	_____	_____
4) <u>Education Council</u>	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreation complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

The bill provides the following university building designations at the University of Florida and directs the university to erect suitable markers to reflect the name designations:

- the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering as the Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory;
- the Academic Advising Center as Farrior Hall;
- the proposed band rehearsal facility as Steinbrenner Band Hall;
- the proposed termite training facility at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences' Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka as the Orkin Termite Training Facility;
- the building that will house the Graham Center and other programs as Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall; and
- the Dairy Science Building as the L.E. "Red" Larson Dairy Science Building.

The bill also designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion and directs Florida State University to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility can be named after a living person unless approved by law. Therefore, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

A section by section analysis of the bill follows. Biographical information was provided by the sponsor of the proposed designations.

Section 1: The bill designates the new Structures and Materials Researcher Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as the Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

Robert O. Powell and Ann Catherine Powell have a long history with the University of Florida. The couple met at the university while he was in his last year in the College of Engineering and she was pursuing a baccalaureate degree from the College of Education. Both of Mrs. Powell's parents, as well as Mr. Powell's brother and business partner attended the university. The couple's son and daughter-in-law also have degrees from the University of Florida.

Mr. Powell is vice president and secretary of Powell Brothers Barge Terminal, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. He is a member of the Rotary Club as well as several other organizations. In 1997, Mr. Powell was named a Broward County Gator Club Distinguished Alumnus.

In recognition of her civic efforts, Mrs. Powell earned the Virginia S. Young Award from the Juliette Gordon Low Society. She is also a board member of the Museum of Discovery and Science. Mrs. Powell currently participates in volunteer efforts with the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Powells have been members of the University of Florida's President's Council since 1993 and were honorees at the President's Council Weekend in 1993. They recently served in the University Foundation's *It's Performance that Counts* Broward County campaign committee. The couple, along with Steve and Carol Powell, donated \$3 million to help establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History, which opened to the public in January 1998.

Section 2: The bill designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as "Farrior Hall" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

J. Rex Farrior, Jr. was president of the Florida Bar in 1975-76. As president of the Florida Bar, he initiated several member-oriented programs, enhanced continuing education, and strengthened the organization's relationship with judicial conferences.

Mr. Farrior passed away on August 22, 1999.

Section 3: The bill designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as Steinbrenner Band Hall and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

George Steinbrenner is a longtime Tampa-area Bull Gator and an enthusiast of band music. He played in the marching band at Culver Academy, a military academy in Indiana. In 2000, he and his wife made a substantial donation to Ohio State University, her alma mater, to help build a band center named for her at Ohio Stadium.

Mr. Steinbrenner is the head of the American Shipbuilding Company and the principal owner of the New York Yankees baseball team. He is the founder of the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He is currently a member of the University of Florida's President's Council and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the University of Florida Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and chosen to give the keynote address at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995.

Mr. Steinbrenner made a substantial contribution to the University of Florida for the new band rehearsal facility. In recognition of his donation, the University of Florida Board of Trustees approved the naming of the facility in his honor. The first phase of construction of the facility is scheduled to begin this spring.

Section 4: The bill designates the proposed termite training facility at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences' Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka as the Orkin Termite Training Facility and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

The O. Wayne Rollins Foundation in Atlanta, GA pledged \$150,000 to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for the establishment of the Orkin Termite Training Facility at the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka. The Florida Department of Agriculture also pledged \$150,000 for the establishment of this center.

The Orkin Termite Training Facility donation has not been linked to a particular person. "Orkin" represents the Orkin, Inc. company and family.

Section 5: The bill designates the building that will house the Bob Graham Center for Public Service and other programs at the University of Florida as Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers to read "Pugh Hall."

Jim Pugh earned his baccalaureate degree in building construction from the University of Florida in 1963. Upon graduating from the university, Mr. Pugh served as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger for three years. He is the owner of Epoch Properties, which is a company that builds hotels, time shares, and rental housing nationwide. Mr. Pugh is also the chairman of Epoch Management, a real estate management firm.

In 2004, Mr. Pugh was recognized as one of the "Most Influential Floridians" by *Florida Trend* magazine and in 2005, the *Orlando Business Journal* named him the "Most Influential Businessman."

Mr. Pugh's dedication to civic service is evidenced by his involvement with the Orlando Utilities Commission, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Board, and the Orange County chapter of the UF Alumni Association.

Jim and Alexis Pugh donated \$5 million to the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the construction of the building that will house the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. The Bob Graham Center is intended to host distinguished scholars, international leaders, and policy makers to help train students at the University of Florida for leadership in public service.

Section 6: The bill designates the Dairy Science Building at the University of Florida as the "L.E. 'Red' Larson Dairy Science Building" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

Louis E. "Red" Larson has been a dairy farmer for more than 57 years. At age 81, he is currently the owner and president of Larson Dairy, Inc., in Okeechobee, FL.

In 2005, Mr. Larson earned the Southeastern Farmer of the Year Award at the annual Lancaster-Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, GA. He has also been elected to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame and the Dairy Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was chosen as the Dairyman of the Century and received the Olympian Dairyman Award.

Section 7: The bill designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota, FL as the "John M. McKay Visitor's Pavilion" and directs Florida State University to erect suitable markers.

John McKay graduated from Florida State University in 1971. Since then he has dedicated his life to serving Floridians. In 1990 he was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served two consecutive terms. Senator McKay earned several awards for his leadership and service.

Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that established the affiliation between Florida State University and the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

The bill does not create, repeal, or amend any statutory sections. Please refer to EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES for a section-by-section analysis of the bill.

## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

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

2. Expenditures:

Please see FISCAL COMMENTS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

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

2. Expenditures:

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

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

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

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

There will be an insignificant impact associated with the universities erecting suitable markers for the name designations.

### III. COMMENTS

#### A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

##### 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require a city or county to spend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

##### 2. Other:

The bill does not appear to raise constitutional issues.

#### B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

#### C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires legislative approval to name a building, road, bridge, recreation complex, park, or similar facility after a living person. The designations in sections 2 and 4 of the bill do not name a building after a living person. Section 2 of the bill designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as "Farrior Hall". However, because Mr. Farrior is deceased, s. 267.062, F.S., does not apply. Section 4 of the bill designates the proposed termite training facility at the University of Florida as the "Orkin Termite Training Facility." "Orkin," however, is not linked directly to a particular person, but rather represents the Orkin, Inc. company and family; therefore, s. 267.062, F.S. does not apply.

The bill's sponsor intends to offer an amendment to remove sections 2 and 4 from the bill.

### IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES