

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

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

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Colleges & Universities Committee	10 Y, 0 N, w/CS	Davis	Tilton
2) Governmental Operations Committee	6 Y, 0 N, w/CS	Ziegler	Williamson
3) Education Appropriations Committee			
4) Education Council			
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 university building designations at the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and the Florida Gulf Coast University and directs the universities to erect suitable markers to reflect the name designations.

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 sponsors 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.

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 on 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 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. 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 also has 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 3: 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. He is the owner of Epoch Properties, which is a company that builds hotels, time shares, and rental housing nationwide. Mr. Pugh also is 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."

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 4: 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 to read "Larson Hall".

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 5: 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 the 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.

Section 6: The bill designates the building at the University of South Florida that will house the Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health as the "John S. Curran, M.D., Children's Health Center" and directs the University of South Florida to erect suitable markers.

John S. Curran graduated from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine with training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania affiliated institutions. Dr. Curran is a charter faculty member of the University of South Florida College of Medicine. During his career at the College of Medicine, Dr. Curran served as Vice Dean, Executive Associate Dean, Interim Associate Dean for Administration, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Pediatrics. He was the founding neonatologist at the Tampa General Hospital. He also was the Chief of Pediatrics at the hospital.

Dr. Curran is the State of Florida Neonatal Consultant for the Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Program and the Medical Director for the Tampa Bay Region for Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health. Dr. Curran serves as District Vice Chair for District X of the American Academy of Pediatrics (the Academy), acting as a liaison between state leaders and the Academy. He has been active on legislative initiatives regarding child health policy and the funding of Children's Medical Services.

The bill provides that this section shall take effect upon the effective date of retirement or resignation of John S. Curran from, or the termination of his employment with, the University of South Florida.

Section 7: The bill designates the building known as Coquina Hall at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg as “H. William Heller Hall” and designates the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to erect suitable markers.

H. William Heller is a professor at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. A former Vice President of the St. Petersburg campus, Dr. Heller joined the staff of the University of South Florida in 1992. Since that time, he has been awarded more than \$18 million in grants and contracts and is currently responsible for directing, as principal investigator, projects funded in excess of \$1 million.

Dr. Heller has been awarded the Presidential Citation for Exemplary Performance as Vice-Chairman of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals as well as the Teacher Educator of the Year Award, Teaching Education Division by the Council of Exceptional Children and the Merrill Publishing Company. He also was the recipient of the 1991 E. Wallace Wallin Award by the Council for Exceptional Children. He has been awarded the United Way Alex de Tocqueville Society Volunteer Service Award, the Outstanding Service Award in Special Education by the Pioneer Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. In 2002, Dr. Heller was honored by the City of St. Petersburg for a “Decade of excellence” and August 21, 2002, was proclaimed Bill Heller Day by the City of St. Petersburg. He was recently nominated for the Outstanding Leadership Award in Special Education by the Council for Exceptional Children; the recipient will be announced in April 2006. In addition, Dr. Heller was selected by faculty to become the first recipient of the Excellence in Professional Service Award from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Dr. Heller served two terms as the head of the Faculty Council for the St. Petersburg campus and was selected by the administration to chair the committee to revise the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Strategic Plan. His professional contributions include more than 350 presentations and publications.

The bill provides that this section shall take effect upon the effective date of retirement or resignation of H. William Heller from, or the termination of his employment with, the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Section 8: The bill designates the School of Business and Industry Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building” and directs the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to erect suitable markers.

Sybil Mobley has served Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University for more than two decades. She is the founding dean of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University School of Business and Industry, a program to prepare minority students to compete internationally in the business industry.

Section 9: The bill designates the new Allied Health Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building” and directs the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to erect suitable markers.

Dr. Margaret W. Lewis previously served as the dean of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, School of Nursing. For 13 years, she has contributed to the university’s nursing program.

Jacqueline B. Beck is the founding dean of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University School of Allied Health Sciences. She has been vigilant in expanding the school’s programs and worked to secure more than \$13 million in funding for research and academic programs.

Section 10: The bill designates the Architecture Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building” and directs the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to erect suitable markers.

Dr. Walter Smith served as Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University’s seventh president from 1977 to 1985. Under his leadership, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University was granted the

authority to offer its first Doctorate of Philosophy degree. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the merging of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering. He developed the statewide conference on the Education of Blacks, which resulted in the Florida Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

Section 11: The bill designates the Archives Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the "Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr., Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum" and directs the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to erect suitable markers.

Carrie Meek was the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction. She has had a successful career as a public servant, college administrator, and educator. Prior to serving in the United States Congress, Representative Meek was a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. She has dedicated her life to serving the citizens of Florida, especially minorities, elderly, children, and people with disabilities.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr. was a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Dr. Eaton dedicated 42 years to the university as a history professor. His contributions to the university include founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected as Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University "Teacher of the Year" twenty-five times and was the university's first Distinguished Professor.

Section 12: The bill designates the Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering Building in Tallahassee as the "Herbert F. Morgan Building" and directs the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Florida State University to erect suitable markers.

Herbert F. Morgan is a graduate of Florida State University where he received the University's Highest Award; The James D. Westcott Distinguished Service Medal. In 2003, he received an honorary doctoral degree from Florida State University. Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College also have established a joint scholarship in Mr. Morgan's name.

Herbert Morgan was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1986. In 1978 he was appointed Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, a position he held for eight years. Mr. Morgan twice received the Allen Morris Award for most effective member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Morgan spearheaded the passage of the Women's Equity in Athletics Act (Title 9) and he was instrumental in the creation and funding of the joint Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University Engineering Program.

Section 13: The bill designates the student community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as "Kleist Hall" and directs the Florida Gulf Coast University to erect suitable markers.

Peter D. Kleist is has been an active member of a number of charities and organizations including Goodwill Industries and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. He served as director for both. Eleanore A. Kleist also has been active in charitable work in the Southwest Florida area. She is on the Board of the Literacy Foundation and has been active with that organization both as a teacher and tutor of students for many years. In addition, she has volunteered her time as a reader for the blind.

The Kleists established the Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist Foundation. The Kleist Foundation has made contributions to Ohio Wesleyan University, Baldwin Wallace College, Cumberland College, Claflin University, and Africa University in Zimbabwe. The Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist Foundation have provided \$1 million for the student community educational facility for health at the Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 14: The bill designates the Resort and Hospitality Management program facility at Florida Gulf Coast University as “Herbert J. Sugden Hall” and directs the Florida Gulf Coastal University to erect suitable markers.

Herbert J. Sugden is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. He has served as president of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy. Margaret Sugden is a graduate of Smith College.

The Sudgets have been generous benefactors for the area’s arts, educational, library, hospital and church needs. Facilities that already bear their name include the Sugden Community Park in Collier County, the Sugden Community Theater, and the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital. The Sudgets have donated \$1 million for the Resort and Hospitality Management Program facility.

Section 15: The bill designates the engineering program facility at Florida Gulf Coast University as “Holmes Hall” and directs the Florida Gulf Coastal University to erect suitable markers.

Dr. Burt Holmes served as President of the American Optometric Association (1978-79), Vice President of the Better Vision Institute (1981-83); and President of the International Optometric and Optical League (1986-92). Dr. Holmes was named International Optometrist of the Year in 1993 by the International Optometric and Optical League, named Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry, and has been the only U.S. citizen named Fellow of the British College of Optometry.

Dr. Holmes has chaired The Whitaker Foundation Governing Committee since 1994, and has served as a Board Member since 1982. The Whitaker Foundation, in addition to providing funds to build Whitaker Hall, Florida Gulf Coast University’s new science, math, and technology complex, has provided \$5 million for the School of Engineering facility. The Whitaker Foundation requested that the building be named for Dr Burt and Ruth Holmes.

Section 16: The bill designates the College of Business facility at Florida Gulf Coast University as “Lutgert Hall” and directs the Florida Gulf Coastal University to erect suitable markers.

Mr. Raymond Lutgert has been a leader in his community through involvement in various organizations, including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, Conservatory of Southwest Florida, Education Foundation of Collier County, Florida Gulf Coast University, Hospice of Naples, Raymond L. Lutgert Cancer Center, and the United Way.

Having lost both his parents to cancer and being a cancer survivor himself, Mr. Lutgert has become a leader in the fight against cancer. He helped establish a specialized cancer center on the campus of Naples Community Hospital. The cancer center provides state-of-the-art cancer treatments and research by leading oncologists.

Mr. Lutgert donated \$5 million to the construction of the College of Business facility at Florida Gulf Coastal University.

Section 17: The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Sections 1 through 4 designate buildings at the University of Florida.

Section 5 designates a building at the Florida State University.

Section 6 designates a building at the University of South Florida.

Section 7 designates a building at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Sections 8 through 11 designate buildings at the Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University.

Section 12 designates a building at the Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering in Tallahassee.

Sections 13 through 16 designate buildings at the Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 17 provides an effective date of July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided.

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:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

Colleges and Universities Committee

On March 7, 2006, the Colleges and Universities Committee adopted amendments to HB 769. The bill was reported favorable with a Committee Substitute (CS). The CS differs from the original bill by adding the following designations:

- The building known as Coquina Hall at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg as “H. William Heller Hall”;
- The School of Business and Industry Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building”;
- The new Allied Health Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building”;
- The Architecture Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building”; and
- The Archives Building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr., Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum.”

Governmental Operations Committee

On March 29, 2006, the Governmental Operations committee adopted amendments to HB 769. The bill was reported favorable with a Committee Substitute (CS). The CS differs from the original bill by adding the following designations:

- The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering Building in Tallahassee are designated as the “Herbert F. Morgan Building.”
- The student community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University is designated as “Kleist Health Education Center.”
- The Resort and Hospitality Management program facility is designated as “Herbert J. Sugden Hall.”
- The engineering program facility at Florida Gulf Coast University is designated as “Holmes Hall.”
- The College of Business facility at Florida Gulf Coast University is designated as “Lutgert Hall.”