

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 621
SPONSOR(S): McKeel
TIED BILLS:

University Building and Facility Designations
IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1160

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Postsecondary Education</u>	<u>8 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Thomas</u>	<u>Tilton</u>
2) <u>Schools & Learning Council</u>	<u></u>	<u>Thomas</u>	<u>Cobb</u>
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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 the 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 for the following building designations at the University of Florida: the Bispham Turfgrass Support Building, the Mark Bostick Golf Course, the L. Gale Lemerand Football Support Facility, and the Katie Seahole Pressly Stadium. The University of Florida is directed to erect suitable markers to reflect such designations.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2007.

The fiscal impact of the bill is minimal. (See Fiscal Comments)

On March 27, 2007, the Committee on Postsecondary Education adopted 2 amendments.
(See Section IV Amendments/Council Substitute Changes)

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 specifically provided 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. The biographical information was provided by the University of Florida.

Section 1: The bill designates the building know as Bispham Turfgrass Hall at the University of Florida as the “Bispham Turfgrass Support Building” and authorizes the University of Florida to erect suitable makers to reflect this designation.

Jack Bispham’s family settled in Sarasota in the 1920s, when they traveled from Longboat Key with their cattle “herd”—two cows. Over time they expanded their operation into the Bayside Dairy Farm, and eventually bought land and a house where they raised their five children. The house—now on the National Register as an historic site—no longer belongs to the family, but Mr. Bispham retains 400 acres of the original farm land. The land is home to his current business, Bayside Sod, Inc.

Mr. Bispham graduated from University of Florida in 1976 with a B.S.A. in Dairy Science, and transitioned from the dairy industry to the turfgrass and nursery industry in 1988. Mr. Bispham is also in partnership with his brother, Cy Bispham, Jr., in Stockyard Feed and Western Wear in Sarasota. He is currently a director of the Specialty Sod Growers Association and a member of the Florida Turfgrass Association. He is former Chairman and continues to be a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program.

Mr. Bispham and his former wife Nancy have five children: Paul; Shauna; Jacky-Lynn, who received her B.H.S. in Health Science and is currently a nursing student at UF; Stacey, who has a B.H.S. in Health Science; and Tiffany, who holds a B.S.A. in Horticultural Science. Mr. Bispham married Elizabeth “Libby” Tyner in 2005.

Section 2: The bill designates the golf course at the University of Florida as the “Mark Bostick Golf Course” and authorizes the University of Florida to erect suitable makers to reflect this designation.

R. Mark Bostick received a B.A. in Economics from the University of the South in 1976 and an MBA from Tulane in 1977. He and former wife Lucie Bostick have three children: Lucie Bostick Dryfuss, Barrett Bostick, and Betsy Bostick, now all in their 20s. Mr. Bostick, his current wife, Patti, and his father, Guy, are avid Gator fans, and there are, in fact, two Gators in the family: Lucie received her B.A. in Management from University of Florida in 2001, and Barrett received his B.A. in Business Administration in 2003. Both Guy and Patti are on the Gator Booster Board of Directors.

Mr. Bostick is President of ComCar Industries, a private, family-owned business started by his father in 1953. Now one of the 15th largest trucking groups in the United States, Comcar Industries has five trucking firms situated across the nation. Mark Bostick is currently president of the board of directors for Winter Haven Hospital, Inc., and honorary chairman of the hospital’s new multi-million-dollar facility expansion project, “Make Sure Your Heart is in the Right Place.” Mr. Bostick is a member of the Florida

Council of 100 and was a founding owner of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Mr. Bostick has served on numerous boards, including the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center Board, Winter Haven Hospital Trustees, Mid-Florida Medical Services, Florida Power, and Nationsbank. He and wife Patti contribute time and financial support to such institutions as All Saints Academy, Elon University, and The Ritz Theatre of Winter Haven. Along with State Senator J.D. Alexander and his wife Cindy, the Bosticks were event chairs for the recent Christmas at Pinewood Party, an event which raised support for restoration and preservation of Bok Sanctuary.

Section 3: The bill designates the support building on the football practice field at the University of Florida as the "L. Gale Lemerand Football Support Facility" and authorizes the University of Florida to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

L. Gale Lemerand is an extraordinary businessman who was named the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in 1995 and one of the state's most prominent and well-known philanthropists. Mr. Lemerand's interaction with the University of Florida and other organizations across the state has benefited masses of people.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Lemerand's childhood was that of a working class family. After serving in the Korean War, he returned stateside and began a career at Williams Insulation in Chicago in 1968. Intuition won out and Mr. Lemerand bought out his partner and renamed the business Gale Industries at the age of 40. Initially, the company operated out of a barn in Itasca, Illinois, but under his guidance, it moved to Daytona Beach in 1979 and by 1990, Mr. Lemerand had created, shaped, and molded the corporation into the largest insulation contractor in the nation with more than 100 locations in 23 states. He eventually sold Gale Industries to the Masco Corporation in 1995, but stayed on as CEO and president until 2000.

Fortunately for the University of Florida, Bill Lloyd, a Daytona resident, introduced Mr. Lemerand to the Gator family. Shortly after, Mr. Lemerand became a Bull Gator and, like so many of the Florida faithful, he began calling The Swamp his second home.

In 1997, Mr. Lemerand was kind enough to donate resources to renovate the football coaches' offices. That turned out to be just the first in a long line of gifts Mr. Lemerand would share with the University of Florida.

His contribution to the athletic center directly affected the lives of hundreds of Gator athletes and will continue to do so well into the 21st century. The Lemerand Athletic Center is a 46,000 square-foot facility that opened in 1995 and houses multiple Florida athletic teams. The building possesses three full-sized volleyball courts and has equipment, training, and locker room areas for Florida's baseball, volleyball, soccer, track and field, and softball teams. Additionally, the staffs of each sport have offices in the facility, while the sports medicine department enjoys its own state-of-the-art area that gives Gator athletes the finest medical attention available.

Mr. Lemerand then followed with a generous donation to aid the construction of Florida's basketball complex. The 47,505 square-foot building is among the finest in collegiate sports and houses both the men and women's basketball teams. When he is not dedicating his time and energy to helping the University of Florida remain at the highest echelon of collegiate athletics, Mr. Lemerand actively serves on numerous local community boards. Some fortunate to have been associated with him include Sun Trust Bank, WCEU Channel 15, Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital, and his alma mater, Escanaba High School (in Michigan).

Mr. Lemerand also supports local groups and charities such as the Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, March of Dimes, and the United Way.

Section 4: The bill designates the softball stadium at the University of Florida as “Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium” and authorizes the University of Florida to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

Kathryn Pressly is a partner in Pressly Designs and was formerly an oncological therapist for Drs. Harris, McKeen & Rothschild. She has been a resident of Palm Beach for 33 years. She was past president of Palm Beach Tennis Association and past vice president of Palm Beach County Junior Golf Association. Mrs. Pressly served as a board member of both Palm Beach Follies and Palm Beach Recreational Center. Mrs. Pressly is a Guild member and Eucharistic minister at St. Edward’s Catholic Church. Mrs. Pressly earned a B.A. from the University of Florida in 1969, and is involved in Gator Boosters with the University of Florida Athletic Department. She has also served on the University of Florida Foundation Board of Directors. In 1989, she graduated from Nova University with an M.S. in psychology.

Mrs. Pressly’s husband, Jamie, is president of the law firm Pressly & Pressly, P.A. He is president-elect for the Gator Boosters. The couple has numerous ties to the University of Florida, including grandparents, parents, siblings, in-laws and their children Page, who has a B.A. in Interior Design and an M.ED. in Mental Health Counseling; Grier, who holds a B.A. in History and a J.D.; and Barbara, who received her B.S.R. in Recreation.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

This 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:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

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

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not appear to require a city or county to expend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds

The bill does not appear to reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

This bill does not appear to reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

No statement submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 27, 2007, the Committee on Postsecondary Education adopted 2 amendments. The first amendment designates the following buildings at the University of South Florida: the Frank and Carol Morsani Center for Advanced Health; the Glenn Burdick College of Engineering Building; and, the Alfred and Rose Schiff Dean's Conference Room. The second amendment designates the following buildings at the University of Central Florida: the Nicholson School of Communication; the Anthony and Sonja Nicholson Field House; the James and Annie Ying Academic Center; and, the Burnett Biomedical Sciences Building. The University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida are directed to erect suitable markers to reflect such designations.