By Senator Hill

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame; creating s. 760.065, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing for the establishment and location of the hall of fame; providing for the selection of hall-of-fame members by the Governor upon recommendations by the Florida Commission on Human Relations; providing criteria for such recommendations; authorizing the commission to set time periods for the nomination and selection of hall-of-fame members; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 760.065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

760.065 Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and honor those persons, living or dead, who have made significant contributions to this state as leaders in the struggle for equality and justice for all persons.

(2) (a) There is hereby established the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The Department of Management Services shall set aside an appropriate public area of the Capitol Building for the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame and shall consult with the commission regarding the design and theme of such area.

(b) Each person who is selected as a member shall have a designation placed in the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame, which designation shall provide information regarding the

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member's particular discipline or contribution and any vital information relating to the member.

- (3) (a) The commission shall annually accept nominations for persons to be recommended as members of the Florida Civil Rights

  Hall of Fame. The commission shall recommend 10 persons from which the Governor shall select up to three hall-of-fame members.
- (b) In making recommendations pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall recommend persons who are 18 years of age or older, who were born in Florida or adopted Florida as their home state and base of operation, and who have made a significant contribution and provided exemplary leadership toward Florida's progress and achievements in civil rights.
- (4) The commission may set specific time periods for acceptance of nominations and the selection of members to coincide with the appropriate activities of the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.