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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
STATE ADMINISTRATION
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 989
RELATING TO: Universities Designations
SPONSOR(S): Representative(s) Mealor
TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) STATE ADMINISTRATION
 - (2) COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT
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I. SUMMARY:

The Florida Board of Regents has established rules for the naming of colleges and schools at the 10 state universities. The President of the University must submit a letter to the Chancellor of the State University System requesting approval by the Board of Regents for the particular name designation. The letter must be sent at least 30 days prior to the naming by the university.

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law. Therefore, if a university desires a particular building or facility to be named after a living person, after initial approval by the Board of Regents the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

This act permits Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, and University of South Florida to name certain buildings and/or facilities on their respective campuses, and to erect suitable markers for such designations.

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local government.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

On March 29, 1999, the Chancellor of the State University System issued a memorandum to the members of the Council of Presidents¹ regarding naming universities colleges and schools. The memorandum established a procedure for such naming. The President of the University must submit requests to name colleges and schools for distinguished individuals to the Chancellor for consideration by the members of the Board of Regents. The letter must be sent at least 30 days prior to the naming by the university. If the Board of Regents approves of the naming, the President may proceed with the designation.²

According to s. 267.062, F.S., 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 desires a particular building or facility to be named after a living person, after initial approval by the Board of Regents the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

At the Board of Regents meeting on February 14-15, 2001, the following university name designations were approved: Florida Atlantic University's College of Nursing instruction and research building as the "Louis and Anne Green Alzheimer's Research Center"; Florida Atlantic University's Dania Beach Campus facility as the "Kenneth C. Jenne Building"; Florida Gulf Coast University's observatory as the "Evelyn L. Egan Astronomical Observatory"; Florida Gulf Coast University's student and educational center as the "Sugden Welcome Center"; Florida State University's building at the Women's Soccer and Softball complex as the "Mary Ann Stiles and Barry Smith Team Building"; Florida State University's Building 146, known as the Molecular Biophysics Building, as the "Kasha Laboratory"; University of Central Florida's School of Hospitality Management as the "Rosen School of Hospitality Management" and the facility that houses said school as "Rosen Hall"; the new educational program facility at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida as the "William W. and Nadine M. McGuire Hall"; University of Florida's alumni center as the "Emerson Alumni Hall"; University of Florida's Warrington School of Business' new accounting building as the "Gary R. Gerson Hall"; and University of Florida's women's gymnasium as the "Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall".³

¹ The Council of Presidents is comprised of the 10 Presidents of each university. <http://www.borfl.org/chn/univpres.asp>

² Chancellor's Memorandum CM-F-04.00-03/99, March 29, 1999.

³ Pursuant to certificate received from the Florida Board of Regent's Corporate Secretary on March 15, 2001.

The Board has not considered the request for the naming of the marine science complex at the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg Campus as the "C.W. 'Bill' Young Marine Science Complex."⁴

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill designates the new instruction and research building at Florida Atlantic University's College of Nursing as the "Louis and Anne Green Alzheimer's Research Center."

This bill designates Florida Atlantic University's Dania Beach Campus facility as the "Kenneth C. Jenne Building."

This bill designates the observatory at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Evelyn L. Egan Astronomical Observatory."

This bill designates the student and educational center at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Sugden Welcome Center."

This bill designates the building at the Women's Soccer and Softball complex at Florida State University as the "Mary Ann Stiles and Barry Smith Team Building."

This bill designates Building 146 at Florida State University, known as the Molecular Biophysics Building, as the "Kasha Laboratory."

This bill designates the University of Central Florida's School of Hospitality Management as the "Rosen School of Hospitality Management" and the facility that houses said school as "Rosen Hall."

This bill designates the new educational program facility at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida as the "William W. and Nadine M. McGuire Hall."

This bill designates the new alumni center at the University of Florida as the "Emerson Alumni Hall."

This bill designates the new accounting building at the University of Florida's Warrington School of Business as the "Gary R. Gerson Hall."

This bill designates the women's gymnasium at the University of Florida as the "Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall."

This bill designates the marine science complex at the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus as the "C.W. 'Bill' Young Marine Science Complex."

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

The Board of Regents' Office of Governmental Affairs supplied the biographical information on the name designations in *Sections 1 through 11*.⁵

Section 1: Designates the new instruction and research building at Florida Atlantic University's College of Nursing as the "Louis and Anne Green Alzheimer's Research Center."

⁴ Pursuant to certificate received from the Florida Board of Regent's Corporate Secretary on March 15, 2001.

⁵ Received by e-mail from the Board of Regents' Office of Governmental Affairs on March 14, 2001.

Louis and Anne Green have supported a variety of educational, cultural, and medical causes in South Florida for nearly 20 years. The Greens have made large donations to the Outpatient Intravenous Therapy Center at Boca Raton Community Hospital, to Lynn University for the building of an art center, to Stetson University for scholarship gifts, and to the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program.

Louis and Anne Green donated \$1.5 million for the funding of an Alzheimer's disease center located on Florida Atlantic University's campus in Boca Raton.

The Greens are both graduates of the University of Cincinnati; in addition, Louis Green holds a degree from the University of Miami.

Section 2: Designates Florida Atlantic University's Dania Beach Campus facility as the "Kenneth C. Jenne Building."

Kenneth C. Jenne is a native of Florida with a history of leadership throughout the state. He attended Lake Worth High School and served as Student Government President at Palm Beach Community College. He earned a B.A. degree from Florida Atlantic University and a J.D. from Florida State University.

From 1978-1998, Mr. Jenne served in the Florida State Senate where he supported many State University System initiatives. He was a strong supporter of the premier ocean engineering program located in Dania and was very involved in the creation of the Dania Building at Florida Atlantic University.

Mr. Jenne currently serves as the Sheriff of Broward County. Prior to being appointed by the Governor to this sheriff position in 1998, he was a prosecutor with the Broward County State Attorney's Office, the Executive Director of the Commission charged with writing Broward County's charter, a County Commissioner and Commission Chairman, and a Sergeant/Public Safety Supervisor with the United States Army Reserve.

Mr. Jenne maintains his support of higher education through the coordination of internships for university students and through partnerships with higher education in research and training.

Section 3: Designates the observatory at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Evelyn L. Egan Astronomical Observatory."

Evelyn L. Egan, who is 94 years of age, is a strong supporter of Florida Gulf Coast University. She represents the many retired citizens living in Southwest Florida who avidly support the university for the benefit of both current and future generations of students.

Mrs. Egan provided \$125,000 for the building of the observatory at Florida Gulf Coast University, which was matched by state funds. The construction of the observatory is near completion.

Section 4: Designates the student and educational center at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Sugden Welcome Center."

Herbert J. and Peg (Margaret) Sugden are residents of Naples, Florida, where they are generous benefactors to a variety of community causes. There are already three facilities named after the Sugdens in the Naples area: Sugden Community Park in Collier County, Sugden Community Theater, and the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital.

The Sugdens were married in 1934. Mr. Sugden is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, and Mrs. Sugden is a graduate of Smith College. Mr. Sugden served as president of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy.

The Sugdens are providing \$1 million for the student and educational center at Florida Gulf Coast University, and the university is requesting a \$1 million state match.

Section 5: Designates the building at the Women's Soccer and Softball complex at Florida State University as the "Mary Ann Stiles and Barry Smith Team Building."

Mary Ann Stiles is a native of Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida. She earned an A.A. degree from Hillsborough Community College, a B.S. degree from Florida State University, and a J.D. from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. She served as a legislative analyst for Florida's House of Representatives when she was a student at Florida State University, and while in Washington, D.C., she interned in the U.S. Senate for the Subcommittee of Federal Procurement Practices and Government in the Sunshine, chaired by then Senator Lawton Chiles.

Ms. Stiles served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Hillsborough Community College, Chair of the Hillsborough Community College Foundation, Director of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, President of the Tiger Bay Club of Tampa, and President of the FSU Seminole Club of Hillsborough County. Additionally, Ms. Stiles served in various capacities with the Associated Industries of Florida: Vice President, general counsel, special counsel, and lobbyist.

At present, Ms. Stiles practices private law with the law firm of Stiles, Taylor, & Grace, P.A., of which she is a founding shareholder, Director, President, and the Chief Executive Officer. She is currently a Director on the Boards of the Boys and Girls Club of Tampa. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association, the Hillsborough Association of Women's Lawyers, the Florida's Women's Alliance, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, and the Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators.

In addition, she is on the Board of Governors for the University Center Club at Florida State University and serves as a board member of the Florida State University Seminole Boosters. As first chairperson of the Committee of Thirty, and one of the first Golden Chiefs to financially support women's sports programs, she is a pioneer in fundraising for women's athletics.

Barry Smith was an All-American wide receiver at Florida State University, setting many records that have remained unbroken for more than three decades. He was one of the first inductees into Florida State University's Hall of Fame, and played in the National Football League. Mr. Smith was instrumental in the formation of the Varsity Club, a club for student-athlete alumni of Florida State University. He served as Director of the Seminole Boosters, Inc., and the Tampa Seminole Club, and is a current member of the Elite High Council Leadership Circle.

Mr. Smith has been an active participant in community programs throughout the years. The following programs have benefited from his leadership: the Florida Special Olympics; the Florida Association of Retarded Citizens; the Leon County Association of Retarded Citizens; the FSU Alumni Association; The FSU Varsity Club; NFL Players Association; the National Football Foundation; Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; Pi Kappa Alpha; Veteran's Administration; Outback Bowl; Hillsborough Masonic Lodge #25; Egypt Shrine Temple; Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa; Builders Association of Greater Tampa; Employer's 1st Trust Corporation; and SportsTime Production, Inc. In addition, Mr. Smith was named the 1975 Green Bay Packers "NFL Man of the Year" and was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Section 6: Designates Building 146 at Florida State University, known as the Molecular Biophysics Building, as the “Kasha Laboratory.”

Dr. Kasha founded the Institute of Molecular Biophysics and the Molecular Biophysics Ph.D. program at Florida State University. He was the driving force behind the building of the Molecular Biophysics Building, the first building in the Science Center Complex. He secured the funds for the building from the then Atomic Energy Commission, and received matching funds from the State.

Dr. Kasha continues to play a major role in science developments at Florida State University stemming from over 55 years of research. The university established the Kasha Endowment through the Institute of Molecular Biophysics to honor these contributions. The university also sponsors the Kasha Award, in which a Ph.D. student is honored for publishing a high quality paper.

Dr. Kasha's contributions extend beyond Florida State University. He made significant discoveries in the general area of molecular spectroscopy. He was one of the first scientists in Florida to be elected to the National Academy of Science, and subsequently serve on the National Science Board, a board responsible for setting policies for the National Science Foundation.

Section 7: Designates the University of Central Florida's School of Hospitality Management as the “Rosen School of Hospitality Management” and the facility that houses the school as “Rosen Hall.”

Mr. Rosen, over the past 17 years, has provided students in the City of Orlando with over 170 scholarships valued at \$180,000. In addition, he has given over \$2 million to the University of Central Florida for scholarships, which now provides for \$5 million in scholarships as a result of matching state funds and earned interest.

Mr. Rosen is very supportive of the students in the University of Central Florida's School of Hospitality Management, and supports both the program and facility committees overseeing the construction of the school itself. Mr. Rosen has pledged to give the university over \$18 million to purchase the land and construct the building for the facility.

Section 8: Designates the new educational program facility at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida as the “William W. and Nadine M. McGuire Hall.”

William and Nadine McGuire are natives of Minnesota. Dr. McGuire received two degrees from the University of Texas, and joined in research at the Scripps Institute in California. Dr. McGuire left private practice to join Peak Healthcare Systems.

In 1998, Dr. McGuire started working for United HealthCare Corporation and was named President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board. Dr. McGuire is also director and part owner of Healtheon Corporation, which designs and develops internet-based information and transaction platforms. The McGuire's are involved with the Minnesota Orchestra Association, the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts, and the Minnesota Business Partnership.

Dr. McGuire has a particular interest in the study of butterflies; he has authored numerous scientific papers on the topic. Over the years, he has contributed his personal collection of over 30,000 *Hesperia* butterflies to the University of Florida. He and his wife have made a very substantial gift to fund the construction of the new educational program facility at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida. This facility will provide a public teaching education facility for the University of Florida's extraordinary butterfly collection and provide for a live butterfly exhibit space. The gift will also support studies regarding insect conservation and lepidoptera research at the University of Florida.

Section 9: Designates the new alumni center at the University of Florida as the “Emerson Alumni Hall.”

William A. Emerson received his M.B.A. from the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business in 1946. He served as Senior Vice President and National Sales Director of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, Inc. He continues to serve as director of Merrill Lynch Trust Company.

Mr. Emerson is a trustee of the Salvador Dali Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, both located in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has also served as trustee of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta for 29 years.

Mr. Emerson served as President of the University of Florida Foundation. He has provided dedicated service to the University of Florida for nearly 50 years.

Section 10: Designates the new accounting building at the University of Florida’s Warrington School of Business as the “Gary R. Gerson Hall.”

Gary R. Gerson received his M.B.A. from the University of Florida after having graduated from the university in 1954 with high honors. He was awarded an Honorary J.D. from St. Thomas University.

Mr. Gerson served in the United States Navy for four years. He is former Chairman of the Board of Mount Sinai Medical Center, former President of the Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation, former General Chairman of the Israel Bonds Organization of South Florida for 10 years, and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Dade County Chapter of Certified Public Accountants. In 1996, Mr. Gerson received the “Man of the Year” award from the City of Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, and he served as Regional Co-Chairman for Dade County in the “Embrace Excellence Campaign.”

At present, Mr. Gerson is a principal and senior partner in the accounting firm of Gerson, Preston & Company, P.A., with offices in Dade, Palm Beach and Hillsborough counties. He is also a current member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Greater Miami Jewish Foundation.

Mr. Gerson was a Distinguished Alumnus award winner in 1992 from the University of Florida.

Section 11: Designates the women’s gymnasium at the University of Florida as the “Kathryn Chicone Ustler Hall.”

Kathryn Chicone Ustler, a native of Orlando, Florida, transferred to the University of Florida in her sophomore year and graduated with a degree in sociology in 1961. Ms. Chicone’s interest in the preservation of historical buildings and her support of the University of Florida is the foundation for her commitment to the renovation of the women’s gymnasium. Both Ms. Ustler’s father and brother were active supporters of the University of Florida.

Section 12: Designates the marine science complex at the University of South Florida’s St. Petersburg campus as the “C.W. ‘Bill’ Young Marine Science Complex.”

Congressman Bill Young, representing the 10th Congressional District of Florida, was just reelected without opposition to his 15th term in the United States House of Representatives. He is a senior member in the Florida Congressional delegation and is Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

His primary area of responsibility in Congress has been the field of national security and intelligence. In 1994 he was named Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security. Congressman Young is the first Republican member of the House ever appointed by a Speaker to serve a second six-year term on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and his 14 years of service on the committee is the most time any member of the House has served in the committee's history.

As Chairman of the National Security Committee, Congressman Young has focused on improving the quality of life for the men and women who serve our country in uniform. Congressman Young meets with enlisted personnel and officers on a regular basis to learn about their needs. Accordingly, Congressman Young's first three annual national security appropriations bills have consistently addressed many of these stated needs.

Congressman Young and his wife, Beverly, are also dedicated to improving the quality of medical care available for the nation's children. The Young's founded the National Marrow Donor Program in 1986 with a small appropriation to the Navy; the program now includes more than 3 million volunteers. The program was named the "C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Recruitment and Research Program" by Congressman Young's colleagues.⁶

Section 13: Authorizes the universities set forth in this act to erect suitable markers for the specified name designations.

III. 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.

⁶ Pursuant to a biography received from the University of South Florida's Office of Government Relations by facsimile transmission on March 15, 2001.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

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

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

VII. SIGNATURES:

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