

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 0877 w/CS Building Designations

SPONSOR(S): Green

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Subcommittee on Higher Education	7 Y, 0 N	Tilton	Bohannon
2) Committee on Education K-20	26 Y, 0 N w/CS	Tilton	Bohannon
3) Education Appropriations (Sub)	16 Y, 0 N	Hammock	Mizereck
4) Appropriations		Mizereck	Baker
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. Therefore, if a university wishes to name a certain building or road after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

HB 877 with a Committee Substitute permits the Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Central Florida, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and the University of Florida to name certain buildings and roads on their respective campuses, and permits the universities to erect suitable markers for each name designation.

The bill authorizes each university to erect suitable markers for each name designation. There may be an insignificant fiscal impact associated with the university erecting suitable markers for each name designation.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | 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. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility can be named after a living person unless specifically provided by law. Therefore, if a university wishes to name certain buildings or roads 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 respective university.

Section 1: Designates the student community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as “Kleist Health Education Center.”

Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist are residents of Ft. Myers, Florida and have been generous benefactors of higher education throughout the United States for many years. The Kleists, through the Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist Foundation, are providing \$1 million for the center.

Section 2: Designates the academic facility at Florida Gulf Coast University which will house the resort and hospitality management program as the “Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall.”

Herbert J. and Margaret Sugden have been generous benefactors of the arts, educational library, hospital, and church needs in the Naples area. The Sugdens were married 68 years before Mr. Sugden’s death this past year. Mr. Sugden was 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 provided \$4.2 million to build the facility that will house the resort and hospitality management program. The donation is eligible under the Courtelis Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for a \$4.2 million state match. Facilities in the community which already bear the Sugdens’ name are the Sugden Community Park, the Sugden Community Theatre, the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital, and the Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 3: Designates the building that houses the University of Central Florida Downtown Center as the “James and Annie Ying Academic Center.”

In recognition of a significant gift made in 2001 by Dr. Nelson Ying, it is proposed that the building which houses the UCF downtown center be named the James and Annie Ying Academic Center, after Dr. Ying’s parents. Dr. Ying has supported UCF over the past several years with contributions to

multiple scholarships and programs. Dr. Ying has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the UCF Foundation and is now an emeritus member of that Board.

Section 4: Designates the School of Business and Industry Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building.”

Dean Mobley has served Florida A&M University for more than two decades and is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Business and Industry (SBI). Under her leadership SBI has prepared minority students to compete internationally in the world of business.

Section 5: Designates the new Allied Health Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building.”

As Dean of the FAMU School of Nursing, Dr. Lewis has molded, shaped and nurtured the university’s nursing program for more than 13 years. Jacqueline B. Beck has the distinction of being the founder and first Dean of the FAMU School of Allied Health Sciences. Dean Beck has been vigilant in expanding the school’s programs and has worked to secure funding for research and academic programs from federal, state and local sources totaling more than \$13 million by the year 2000.

Section 6: Designates the Architecture Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building.”

Dr. Smith served from 1977 to 1985 as Florida A&M University’s seventh president. Under his leadership and vision, FAMU was granted authority to offer its first Doctorate of Philosophy degree. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the merging of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering and 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 7: Designates the Archives Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum.”

Congresswoman 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 Congress, Representative Meek served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, where she established herself as a skilled debater and one of the Legislature’s most effective members. Congresswoman Meek has dedicated her life to serving the people of the State of Florida, especially minorities, handicapped, children and the elderly.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr. is a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at Florida A&M University. Dr. Eaton has made numerous contributions to FAMU and its students through his 42 years as a history professor, including founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected FAMU’s “Teacher of the Year” twenty-five times and was the University’s first Distinguished Professor.

Section 8: Designates the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as “The Powell Family Structures and Materials Lab.”

The Powell family has a long history with the University of Florida including generations of UF alumni. Robert O. “Bob” Powell and Ann Catherine Powell maintain a true commitment to giving back to their Florida community. The couple’s longstanding commitment to the University of Florida includes participation in university organizations, and serving on the University of Florida Foundation’s *It’s Performance That Counts* Broward County Campaign Committee. The Powells have been members of

the President's Council since 1993 and have generously donated \$3 million which helped establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Section 9: Designates the track/soccer stadium at the University of Florida as the "James G. Pressly Track/Soccer Stadium."

James G. and Kathryn S. Pressly are active professionals in the Palm Beach community. Mr. Pressly is the president of Pressly & Pressly law firm and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Mrs. Pressly manages the couple's rental properties both in West Palm Beach and Gainesville. Both are members of the Palm Beach Civic Association. The Presslys have been Joint Distinguished Members of the President's Council since 1997 and are members of the UF Alumni Association. Mr. Pressly is a trustee emeritus of the University of Florida Law Center Association and serves on the Gator Booster Board. The Presslys have donated funds to the Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair, sponsored two book awards in the College of Law and supported the University of Florida's athletics programs, including their recent pledge for the track/soccer facilities.

Section 10: Designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as "Farrior Hall."

J. Rex Farrior, Jr. and Mary Lee Nunnally Farrior have played an integral role in the University of Florida's history. Mr. Farrior played football and received both a business and law degree from UF, and is a member of the UF Hall of Fame. Mr. Farrior served as the President of the UF Alumni Association of Tampa and spent several years on the board of the University of Florida Foundation. He was a trustee of the Law Center Association and was a lecturer on the UF campus. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior were Bull Gators and Cabinet Level members of the President's Council. Since Mr. Farrior's death, Mrs. Farrior has continued this commitment to the University of Florida by fulfilling their pledge to build an academic hall on campus.

Section 11: Designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as "Steinbrenner Band Hall."

George M. Steinbrenner, III, has a long history as an entrepreneur, sports enthusiast and philanthropist. Mr. Steinbrenner is best known as the owner of the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils. Beyond business and sports, Mr. Steinbrenner is known for his philanthropic generosity. He is the founder of both the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He and his family have given millions of dollars to people in need. He has helped revamp the North Seminole Little League and salvaged the floundering Florida Folk Festival. Mr. Steinbrenner also maintains a strong connection to the University of Florida. He is a long time member of both the Bull Gator Club and the President's Council and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the UF Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and gave the keynote speech at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have generously decided to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

Section 12: Designates North-South Drive on the University of Florida campus as "Gale Lemerand Drive."

L. Gale Lemerand embodies a combination of entrepreneurial and philanthropic spirit. Mr. Lemerand is well respected in the construction community and was named the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in the Construction and Real Estate Division by Ernst & Young in 1995. Mr. Lemerand is generous with both his time and expertise and has served as the director of SunTrust Bank, WCEU-TV Channel 15 and Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital. He is a trustee for both Daytona Beach Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. In addition, he has lent support to numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys & Girls Club of America, the March of Dimes and the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties. He was the recipient of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation's "Humanitarian of the Year Award" in 1996. At the University of Florida, Mr.

Lemerand has generously contributed to the new basketball training facility and has committed additional major gifts for program support in athletics and university academics. Mr. Lemerand currently serves as a Distinguished Director of the Gator Boosters and is a member of both the President's Council and the University of Florida Alumni Association.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

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

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

2. Expenditures:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

2. Expenditures:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

See FISCAL COMMENTS.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

There may be an insignificant fiscal impact associated with each university erecting suitable markers for each name designation.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

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

2. Other:

This bill does not appear to raise any constitutional issues.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 10, 2004, the Subcommittee on Higher Education favorably recommended HB 877 with a strike-everything amendment by Rep. Green to designate additional buildings on the UCF campus, the FAMU campus, and the UF campus.

On March 24, 2004, the Committee on Education K-20 adopted the amendment recommended by the Subcommittee on Higher Education and reported HB 877 favorable with a committee substitute.