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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
BILL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

BILL #: HB 4159 (PCB CU 98-02)

RELATING TO: SUS/Building Designations

SPONSOR(S): Committee on Colleges and Universities, Representative Casey and others

COMPANION BILL(S): CS/SB 752(s)

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

- (1) COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES YEAS 10 NAYS 0
 - (2) GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS YEAS 5 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill designates:

- the tennis court complex at the University of West Florida as “The Harold ‘Skeeter’ Carson Tennis Complex”;
- the Lifelong Learning Center at Florida Atlantic University as the “Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center”;
- the swim/dive office and training facility at the University of Florida as the “Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex”;
- Flint Hall at the University of Florida as the “Keene-Flint Hall”;
- the residence hall known as 2nd Court, Pei Residence Halls, located on the Sarasota/Manatee Campus of the New College of the University of South Florida as the “Peggy Bates Residence Hall”;
- the library tower located on the campus of Florida International University as the “Steven and Dorothea Green Library”; and,
- the recording facility donated to Florida State University by Echelon International Development Corporation, as “Critchfield Hall”.

The respective universities are authorized to erect suitable markers for the designations.

There would be minimal fiscal impact for the creation of signs designating the building names.

II. SUBSTANTIVE RESEARCH:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, complex, or facility may be named after a living person, except as specifically provided by law.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill provides the following:

1. The tennis court complex at the University of West Florida is designated as "The Harold 'Skeeter' Carson Tennis Complex". Coach "Skeeter" Carson has had a long and exemplary career as the University of West Florida's first tennis coach. Coach Carson's philosophy of making sure students are winners in life is a hallmark that surpasses even his notable athletic accomplishments.

Coach Carson has won numerous awards during his tenure including two United States Tennis Association Collegiate Outstanding Service Awards, the Coach of the Year award on ten different occasions by the NAIA, and the NCAA Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996, and 1997.

Coach Carson received special recognition in the May, 1991 issue of Tennis Magazine. The article stressed Coach Carson's philosophy of making sure kids are winners in life as well as in tennis. Recognition was also received when Coach Carson was inducted into the Pensacola Sports Hall of Fame.

During Coach Carson's tenure, his players have received 4 Arthur Ashe Awards for Sportsmanship, 3 Graduate Awards, 2 Senior Players of the Year, 1 Outstanding Player of the Year, and 1 Freshman Player of the Year, with 117 All-American Awards. Ten of his players have won national championships.

In addition to his college coaching duties, Coach Carson has been very involved with the Greater Pensacola Tennis Association and the USTA. He served on the GPTA Board of Directors for 8 years, was a GPTA Tournament Director for 5 years, and was the GPTA President for 2 years. He has been a volunteer for numerous charity, USTA, and junior tennis events, assisting in fundraising and player development.

Coach Carson led the drive to place additional courts and a clubhouse at the UWF tennis facility which resulted in a special recognition of the tennis complex by the USTA as the Outstanding Collegiate Tennis Facility in 1991.

2. The Lifelong Learning Center at Florida Atlantic University is designated as the "Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center". Barry and Florence Friedberg have been members of the Lifelong Learning Society since 1985. They have been active in many community based charities and have made a significant contribution to the construction fund of the Lifelong Learning Center.

Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning program is one of the most successful in the United States, with about 14,500 members in or near their retirement years. The

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Lifelong Learning Center is believed to be the only building ever to be constructed at an American University to serve the needs of students of retirement age.

3. The swim/dive office and training facility at the University of Florida is designated as the "Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex". Wayne and Jimmie Carse are loyal and distinguished friends of the University of Florida. They have pledged \$800,000 for the construction of the new swimming and diving office and training facility.

Flint Hall at the University of Florida is renamed the "Keene-Flint Hall". Kenneth K. Keene, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Florida, has contributed \$3,000,000 for the renovation of the historic Flint Hall at the University of Florida.

4. The residence hall known as 2nd Court, Pei Residence Halls, located on the Sarasota/Manatee Campus of New College of the University of South Florida is designated as the "Peggy Bates Residence Hall". Dr. Margaret Bates served as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences at New College at the University of South Florida from 1971 to 1975 and was Professor of Political Science at New College of USF from 1975 until her retirement in 1995. Dr. Bates also served with distinction as Interim Provost, New College of USF, from 1989 to 1992.

Dr. Bates generously volunteered her wisdom and talent in support of Sarasota community activities bringing great recognition and credit to New College of the University of South Florida, the University of South Florida, and the State University System.

Dr. Bates donated over \$90,000 to the New College Foundation for the Gateway Scholars Endowment. An anonymous Foundation trustee, so impressed by her generosity, subsequently contributed \$60,000 increasing the gift to \$150,000.

5. The library tower located on the campus of Florida International University is designated as the "Steven and Dorothea Green Library". Mr. Steven Green, a prominent international business leader, was recently appointed to be our nation's ambassador to Singapore. Ambassador Green is founder and managing partner of Greenstreet Partners, a private merchant bank based in Miami.

Ambassador Green's philanthropic contributions have been widespread. He served on the board of the Children's Health Fund, the President's Export Council, and the University of Miami Advisory Board. He was a trustee of United Way and a member of the FIU Foundation Board of Trustees.

Ambassador Green and Mrs. Dorothea Green recently committed \$2.5 million, which will be matched in state funds, to establish endowments for the library and the museum at Florida International University.

6. The recording facility donated to Florida State University by Echelon International Development Corporation, is designated as "Critchfield Hall". Dr. Jack Critchfield, an outstanding business leader, has taken Florida Progress Corporation to the height of the

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public utilities field in Florida. He currently serves as Chairman of Florida Progress Corporation and prior to that was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Vice President for more than ten years.

He serves as Co-Chairman of the Florida Commission on Education, is a former Chairman of the Education Committee of the Governor's Commission for Government by the People, and is a member of the national Business-Higher Education Forum. Dr. Critchfield also served as President of Rollins College from 1969 to 1978.

Echelon International Development Corporation recently donated a recording facility to Florida State University's Investment in Learning Campaign. This facility will provide the School of Motion Pictures, Television and the Recording Arts with a recording arts facility that would be unrivaled in the State of Florida.

The respective universities are authorized to erect suitable markers for the designations.

C. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

No.

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

No.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

No.

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

This bill does not eliminate or reduce an agency or program.

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

N/A

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

N/A

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

N/A

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

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No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

No.

b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

No.

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

No.

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

No.

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

This bill does not purport to provide services to families or children.

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

N/A

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

N/A

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

No.

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

The bill does not create or change a program providing services to families or children.

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(1) parents and guardians?

N/A

(2) service providers?

N/A

(3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

D. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

N/A

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION RESEARCH:

Section 1. Designates the University of West Florida's tennis court complex as "The Harold 'Skeeter' Carson Tennis Complex" in recognition of his untiring contributions to the community and to his profession.

Section 2. Designates the Lifelong Learning Center on the Boca Raton Campus, the first Lifelong Learning Center to be constructed on any of the seven campuses of Florida Atlantic University for use by the Lifelong Learning Society, as the "Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center" in honor of the Center's major benefactors.

Section 3. Designates the swim/dive office and training facility at the University of Florida as the "Wayne and Jimmie Carse Swimming and Diving Complex" in recognition of their contributions to the university, its students, and to the residents of the State of Florida.

Section 4. Renames Flint Hall at the University of Florida, the "Keene-Flint Hall" in recognition of his contributions to the university, its students, and to the residents of the State of Florida.

Section 5. Designates the residence currently known as 2nd Court, Pei Residence Halls located on the Sarasota/Manatee Campus of the University of South Florida/New College as the "Peggy Bates Residence Hall" in recognition of Dr. Margaret Bates' tireless and dedicated services to New College and the Sarasota/Manatee community.

Section 6. Designates the library tower located on the campus of Florida International University as the "Steven and Dorothea Green Library" in recognition of their support to the arts and library programs at Florida International University. The library is scheduled to be completed in the latter part of 1998.

Section 7. Designates the recording studio facility donated to Florida State University as "Critchfield Hall" in recognition of Dr. Critchfield's generosity and philanthropic contributions not only to the university but to the State of Florida.

Section 8. Authorizes the respective universities to erect suitable markers for the designations made by this act.

Section 9. Provides an effective date.

III. FISCAL RESEARCH & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

Minimal fiscal impact for the creation of signs designating the building names.

2. Recurring Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

4. Total Revenues and Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:

1. Non-recurring Effects:

None

2. Recurring Effects:

None

3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

1. Direct Private Sector Costs:

None

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2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:

None

3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise and Employment Markets:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

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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 any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties 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:

None

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

N/A

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VII. SIGNATURES:

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