

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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SPONSOR: Education Committee and Senator Lawson

SUBJECT: Building Designations

DATE: April 19, 2005

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I. Summary:

This bill authorizes buildings on various state university campuses to be named for living persons. Building designations are included from Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Central Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, University of Florida, University of Florida/IFAS, University of North Florida, Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts, Florida State University, and at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes or remains as a law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

Florida Gulf Coast University

Kleist Health Education Center: The Kleists are residents of Fort 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.

Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall: The Sugdens, residents of Naples, Florida are generous benefactors for the area's arts, educational, library, hospital and church needs.

Facilities in the community which already bear their names are Sugden Community Park, Sugden Community Theatre, Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital and Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Married in 1934, the Sugdens will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary in March. Mr. Sugden is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. Mrs. Sugden is a graduate of Smith College. Mr. Sugden served as President of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy.

University of Central Florida

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 UCF Downtown 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.

Anthony and Sonja Nicholson Field House: The Nicholsons have contributed \$2 million towards the UCF athletics complex. The Nicholsons are leading annual donors to the University and provide support to the communications school, athletics and other special needs.

Florida A&M University

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.

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 more than \$13 million in funding for research and academic programs from federal, state and local sources.

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 Doctor of Philosophy degree. He was instrumental in the merging of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering, and developed the statewide Conference on the Education of Blacks. This resulted in the Florida Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

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.

University of Florida:

The Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory: 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 includes participation in university organizations, and serving on the University's "It's Performance That Counts" Broward County campaign committee. The Powells have been members of the President's Council since 1993. They have generously donated \$3 million which helped establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

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. He is a member of the UF Hall of Fame. Mr. Farrior served as the president of the UF Alumni Association of Tampa, spent several years on the board of the University of Florida Foundation, and was a trustee of the Law Center Association. He has also lectured on the UF campus. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior were Bull Gators and Cabinet Level members of the Presidents 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.

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 assisted in preserving the 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. He has served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee and the UF Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have generously decided to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

University of North Florida:

James E. "Jim" and Linda King, Jr. Student Union Building: James E. "Jim" King earned his Bachelor of Science and Masters in Business Administration degrees from Florida State University. He is married to Linda Braddock and has two daughters - Monta King, a practicing attorney in Tampa, Florida, and Laurie Ann Wiley, a state forester and environmentalist. As a Jacksonville businessman, Senator King made his mark in personnel recruiting, temporary help and the employee testing industries.

Senator King was elected in 1999 to the Florida Senate and from 2003-2005 served as Senate President. In 2000 to 2002, he served as the Majority Leader of the Florida Senate. Prior to being elected to the Senate, he served for 12 years in the Florida House of Representatives, holding key leadership positions as House Majority Leader and Chairman of the House General Appropriations Committee and Fiscal Responsibility Council.

One of his most notable achievements is the passage of Florida's Life Prolonging Procedures Act known as the "Death with Dignity Legislation." Jim King sponsored this legislation recognizing every competent adult's fundamental right to make their own decisions regarding medical treatment in the event of serious illness when death is imminent, and to be treated with dignity. The act establishes procedures for making a living will to help ensure that a person's final wishes are honored and for choosing a surrogate, in case of incompetency, to make those decisions for you.

Senator King has been a champion for small business issues and has received numerous awards, including the "Guardian of Small Business" from the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and "Legislator of the Year" from the Jacksonville Association of Realtors. He has been consistently ranked as one of the "Top 10 Most Effective Legislators" in Florida.

He has also been recognized for his tireless efforts on behalf of education, receiving an honorary Doctorate of Letters degree from Jones College in Jacksonville. Duval Teachers United has repeatedly named him as "Legislator of the Year" and the Florida School Boards Association presented Senator King with the "Legislator of the Year Award" for his efforts during the 1999 and 2000 Legislative Sessions on behalf of public education.

Florida State University

John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion: A native Floridian, John McKay has dedicated his life to serving the people of the State of Florida. Mr. McKay is a 1971 graduate of Florida State University who was elected to the State Senate in 1990 and served until 2002. He served as President of the Senate from 2000 to 2002. During his tenure in the Senate, Senator McKay received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to improving life in Florida. Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that created the affiliation between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Florida State University.

Reubin O'D. Askew Student Life Center: Reubin O'Donovan Askew was the thirty-seventh Governor of Florida, serving two consecutive terms. He is also a former Florida State University Student Body President, and has served as the Askew Eminent Scholar in Florida Government

and Politics at Florida State University. Among his many accomplishments, Governor Askew was the first Florida State University Alumnus to serve as Governor. During his term he signed into law the act giving the Student Government Associations authority to allocate campus activity and service fees.. Governor Askew was appointed United States Trade Representative by President Carter. Governor Askew's career came full circle as he returned to Florida State University to teach, lead, and serve as a model of scholarship and public service for us all.

Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall: Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Sherrill Williams Ragans, joined the staff of Florida State University in 1959. Ms. Ragans has worked as a Resident Counselor, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Residence Programs, Director of University Housing, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Ms. Ragans is well known and respected both locally and nationally for her dedication, mentoring, and befriending of countless students. Her work is evidenced by the many accolades she has received: the Ross Oglesby Award for Outstanding Leadership, Service, and Scholarship; the President's Humanitarian of the Year Award; FSU Alumni Association Circle of Gold recognition; and the Governor's Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1995. Ms. Ragans has been honored as Advisor of the Year on two occasions. In 1994 the Golden Key International Honor Society selected her as the Southeastern Region Advisor of the Year.

Nationally, Ms Ragans is an active and visible leader in professional association work. She served in leadership roles with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

Upon her retirement in July, 2003, Ms. Ragans had more than 40 years of dedicated service to the university community. Her professional excellence, leadership and dedication have brought much honor and distinction to FSU.

John E. Thrasher Building: The Education and Administration Building at the Florida State University College of Medicine shall be designated the John E. Thrasher Building.

Mr. Thrasher received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and a J.D. with honors in 1972 from Florida State University. He served the people as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and in 1999 and 2000 was Speaker of the House of Representatives.

During his successful tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Thrasher received numerous commendations and awards for his dedication to the citizens of Florida.

As a loyal alumnus and supporter of Florida State University, one of his most memorable accomplishments as a legislator was passage of the law creating the College of Medicine at Florida State University, the first new medical school to be created in the United States in over twenty years.

Mr. Thrasher now serves as the first Chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium: Coach Mike Martin is in his 26th season at the helm of the Seminole baseball program. In all 26 seasons, his teams have competed in NCAA Tournament play. Only one team in America has been to more consecutive NCAA Tournaments. Coach Martin is one of just eight coaches in the history of Division 1 baseball to record 1,300 wins. He is a four-time ACC Coach of the Year. Last season FSU captured its fourth ACC Championship in what is widely considered the best baseball conference in America.

JoAnne Graf Softball Field: In her 26 seasons as Florida State University's softball coach, Dr. JoAnne Graf has 1,275 career wins and a career winning percentage of .775. She has made seven Women's College World Series appearances and led her teams to the NCAA Tournament 17 times in her 21 seasons as a fast pitch coach. She has more victories than any coach in National Fastpitch Coaches Association history.

University of Florida/IFAS:

Norman C. Hayslip Biological Control Research and Containment Laboratory: Norman Hayslip graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Entomology. His career in agriculture, spanning more than 50 years, has resulted in the development of 7 tomato varieties, the strip-mulch system to conserve fertilizer, and the plug-mix technique in field seeding hill crops. He also initiated the tomato machine harvest project which resulted in development of the semi-harvester. Mr. Hayslip has also served as a Professor of Vegetable Crops. He established and was Director of the UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center for the University of Florida until 1979. His community involvement includes many years working with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club and the St. Lucie County Youth Hall.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. This bill will grant the necessary approval for naming two buildings at Florida Gulf Coast University as the Kleist Health Education Center and the Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall; two buildings at the University of Central Florida as the James and Annie Ying Academic Center and the Anthony and Sonja Nicholson Field House; four buildings at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the Sybil C. Mobley Business Building, the Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building, the Walter L. Smith Architecture Building, and the Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeast Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum; three buildings at the University of Florida as the Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory, the Farrison Hall, and the Steinbrenner Band Hall; a building at the University of North Florida as the James E. "Jim" and Linda King, Jr. Student Union Building; a building at the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts as the John M. McKay Visitors Pavilion; five buildings or facilities at Florida State University as the Reubin O'D. Askew Student Life Center, the Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall, the John E. Thrasher Building, the Mike Martin Field at Dick Houser Stadium, and the JoAnne Graf Softball Field; a building at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering as the Herbert F. Morgan Building, and a building at the University of Florida/IFAS Center at Ft. Pierce as the Norman C. Hayslip Biological Control Research and Containment Laboratory. Each of the buildings or facilities authorized by this bill is to be named for persons who are living except for the Mr. Morgan.

Each university is directed to erect markers and signs properly reflecting the designation of the newly authorized name for each of the buildings or facilities.

The bill will take effect July 1, 2005.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

Board of Governors; Art. IX, Section 7 of the State Constitution

Article IX, Section 7 of the State Constitution provides that the Board of Governors shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. The courts have not interpreted this provision with respect to the extent of the powers and duties of the Board of Governors. A lawsuit was filed on December 21, 2004, against the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education seeking a declaratory action, among other things, regarding the Board of Governor's powers and duties with respect to the state university system. The results of this lawsuit may have an impact on the constitutionality of the bill.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Each university will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for each of the newly designated buildings or facilities. The usual cost for these markers is approximately \$250.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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