

CHAPTER 97-317

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 227

An act relating to building designations; designating and naming the Children's Medical Services facility currently under construction at 5192 Bayou Boulevard in the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, as the "Dr. Reed Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb Building"; directing the Department of Management Services to erect suitable markers; designating and naming the president's residence at the University of Central Florida as the "Burnett House"; authorizing the University of Central Florida to erect suitable markers; designating and naming the School of Communications at the University of Central Florida as the "Anthony J. Nicholson School of Communications"; authorizing the University of Central Florida to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the late John H. Whitcomb, M.D., was a distinguished pediatrician and pediatric cardiologist, with over 35 years of practice in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whitcomb had been Director of Medical Affairs at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola and Director of Children's Medical Services for District I of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and

WHEREAS, Reed Bell, Sr., M.D., is a distinguished pediatrician and pediatric endocrinologist, with over 35 years of practice and teaching experience and a multitude of professional and academic achievements in these fields, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bell is presently Director of Children's Medical Services for District I of the Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, it is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments of these two dedicated pediatric physicians that the Children's Medical Services facility in Pensacola be named in their honor, and

WHEREAS, Al and Nancy Burnett have been long-time friends of higher education and, in particular, the University of Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, their generosity established the Al Burnett-Contemporary Cars Eminent Scholar Chair in Accounting at the University of Central Florida in 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Burnett gifts to the University of Central Florida now exceed \$1,000,000, and

WHEREAS, Al and Nancy Burnett are supporters of many community activities in Central Florida such as diabetes research, United Way, the Orlando Science Center, and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and

WHEREAS, the latest Burnett gift to the University of Central Florida provided the funds needed to complete the first president's residence at the university, and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Nicholson, has been a resident of Central Florida since 1968 and a successful developer, and

WHEREAS, he has bequeathed a charitable gift to the University of Central Florida valued at \$2,000,000 and intended to endow the programs of the School of Communications at the University of Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, this generous gift will qualify the School of Communications for a state matching appropriation, creating a fund to sustain academic excellence in the academic activities of the School of Communications in perpetuity, and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida desires to designate the School of Communications as the "Anthony J. Nicholson School of Communications," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Children's Medical Services facility presently under construction at 5192 Bayou Boulevard in the City of Pensacola, Escambia County, is hereby designated as the "Dr. Reed Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb Building."

Section 2. The Department of Management Services is authorized and directed to erect appropriate markers designating the "Dr. Reed Bell and Dr. John H. Whitcomb Building."

Section 3. The president's residence at the University of Central Florida is hereby designated as the "Burnett House."

Section 4. The University of Central Florida is authorized to erect suitable markers designating the "Burnett House."

Section 5. The School of Communications at the University of Central Florida is hereby designated as the "Anthony J. Nicholson School of Communications."

Section 6. The University of Central Florida is authorized to erect suitable markers designating the "Anthony J. Nicholson School of Communications."

Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 7, 1997.

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