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A TRIBUTE TO GRACE “BETTY” W. TAYLOR

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Anywhere you look at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, you see the imprint of Grace “Betty” W. Taylor.

Her initiative, creativity and dedication have had a permanent impact on our college.

Her link with us began in the ‘60s when she worked her way through our law school as a librarian, earning her J.D. in ‘62 – one of the first women to do so. She became one of our first female law professors, and as director of the facility, positioned our Legal Information Center at the vanguard of the nation’s law libraries.

Through her work on the Facilities Committee and the Technology Committee, Betty helped previous deans orchestrate construction of our law school facilities. And thanks to her continued involvement and initiative well into her 50-plus years of state employment, Betty is helping us shape the law school campus of the future – including an expanded library, renovated Holland Hall, and new student/faculty academic center.

Betty is a symbol of the U.F. College of Law, and as has been noted of her: She leads by example, by intelligence, and she leads by her devotion and loyalty to her school and colleagues.

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