

**March 7-8, 2013**

**ITEM 158-1007-R0313**

**Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute**

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**THAT**

The basement of the Payne Family Native American Center be named The Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute.

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**EXPLANATION**

In May 2010, the Payne Family Native American Center was opened and dedicated on the UM campus. However, the basement remains unfinished. With significant help from a donor, the College of Arts and Sciences will finish the basement space to create approximately five instructional rooms. The space will be named in honor of Elouise Cobell, a heroine who pursued Native American rights and died in October 2011. With the approval of her family, we wish to name the basement space "The Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute." This name recognizes Dr. Cobell's dedicated work to preserve Native land rights and culture, and also that the space will include a land laboratory and a culture laboratory. The name applies only to the space. No new programs are being created. Courses taught in the new space will be based on our curricula in Native American Studies, Anthropology, Geography and other relevant UM units. This proposal has been developed in accordance with university policy.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments.