

## Rooney reintroduces bill to name new federal courthouse after Alto Adams Sr.

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FORT PIERCE — U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Tequesta, has reintroduced a bill to name the new federal courthouse going up in Fort Pierce after former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Alto Adams Sr.

Rooney, the main sponsor of the bill, submitted a similar bill in July 2009. The House approved the bill last year, but time ran out on the 2009-10 session before the bill could be heard in the Senate.

The \$42 million, 123,400-square-foot courthouse is expected to be completed in November.

Adams, a Fort Pierce attorney and founder of Adams Ranch Inc., was twice appointed to the state's highest court. The first time in 1940 by Gov. Fred Cone and again in 1967 by Gov. Claude Kirk. Adams had stepped down from the court in 1952, after three years as chief justice, for what turned out to be a unsuccessful bid for governor in 1952.

He died in 1988.

U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Miramar, whose district includes the downtown Fort Pierce location of the courthouse, is a co-sponsor of the House bill.



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