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The Legislature wants to create a political institute at California State University, Fresno, and name it after a popular former lawmaker battling cancer.

Lawmakers Friday approved a bill by Sen. Charles Poochigian, R-Fresno, that would establish the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute to train students for careers in government.

Maddy, R-Fresno, spent 28 years in the Legislature, including eight years as the Republican leader in the Senate. He left office last year.

Poochigian said Maddy was "living proof that public service can be, and should be, a very, very special calling."