

HR 8053

2023

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the achievements and
3 contributions made by Samuel P. Bell III to the State
4 of Florida.

5
6 WHEREAS, Samuel P. Bell III was a leader in Florida who was
7 deeply rooted in his community, and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell was a graduate of Dartmouth College,
9 where he became the Student Government President and graduated
10 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and later attended Duke
11 University and graduated with a Legum Baccalaureus degree, and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in the Florida House of
13 Representatives, Mr. Bell represented District 30, served on
14 numerous committees, and was appointed chairman of the
15 Appropriations, Commerce, Congressional Redistricting, and Rules
16 and Calendar Committees, and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell served as the Florida House of
18 Representatives Democratic Leader from 1978 to 1980, and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell became a longtime lobbyist after his
20 tenure in the Florida House of Representatives, with a passion
21 for children's health, and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell was known for his tireless contributions
23 to improving children's health policies in Florida, and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell was considered the "father" of the
25 University of South Florida (USF) College of Public Health, and

HR 8053

2023

26 WHEREAS, according to U.S. News and World Report's 2022
27 rankings, the USF College of Public Health is now the number 1
28 public health college in the state and number 16 nationwide,
29 under Mr. Bell's leadership as the first and only chair of the
30 dean's advisory board, and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Bell's contributions have played a crucial
32 role in lifting USF to become a major player on the national and
33 international stage, and

34 WHEREAS, the Honorable Samuel P. Bell III passed away at
35 age 83 on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, NOW, THEREFORE,

36

37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

39

40 That the House of Representatives recognizes the remarkable
41 achievements and contributions made by Samuel P. Bell III to the
42 State of Florida.