

House Resolution 46

By: Representatives Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Miller of the 62nd, Burnough of the 77th, and Neal of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 28, 2023, as Imani Bell Memorial Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, the life of Imani Bell, a sophomore at Elite Scholars
3 Academy, was taken prematurely due to hyperthermia and rhabdomyolysis onset by the
4 negligence and recklessness of her basketball coaches during outdoor conditioning drills; and

5 WHEREAS, Imani Bell's name means "faith" and now stands for "change" in sports across
6 this state and this country; coaches and schools now know their students' health must remain
7 their top priority and that they will be held accountable if students are not protected from heat
8 exhaustion during outdoor drills; and

9 WHEREAS, in Clayton County, the Elite Scholars Academy has renamed its facility the
10 Imani Bell Gymnasium, and the Keep Imani Foundation is working in local communities to
11 ensure safety is being upheld in school facilities by providing scholarships and eyeglasses
12 for underprivileged youth as well as cold tubs for student athletes; and

13 WHEREAS, Imani Bell used her talents and abilities to the fullest; she was an honor student
14 and a contributing citizen who enriched her school community, and the positive memories
15 and moments of bliss she left with her family and friends will live forever.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize March 28, 2023, as Imani Bell Memorial Day.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
20 public and the press.