

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1039

TITLE: Resolution Honoring the Life of Dr. Leon Haley Jr.

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WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Haley Jr. was a professor, University of Florida Vice President of Health Affairs, and the Chief Executive Officer of UF Health Jacksonville; and,

WHEREAS, he was a beloved son, father, friend, and colleague to many; and,

WHEREAS, he tragically lost his life in an accident on Saturday, July 24, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, his primary academic interest was in identifying and evaluating strategies to enhance the delivery of high-quality emergency care to large numbers of patients in the emergency room setting [1]; and,

WHEREAS, he was lauded for his leading role in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic in and around the city of Jacksonville, FL [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Greg Miller, Chief Operating Officer of UF Health Jacksonville said “His impact on this campus and the entire community was nothing short of amazing, just unbelievable. He accomplished so much and we are so much greater an organization as a result of his efforts,”[3]; then;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Haley Jr. to our University and the State of Florida; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate honors the life and legacy of Dr. Leon Haley Jr.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President W. Kent Fuchs, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs & President of UF Health Dr. David Nelson, UF Health Shands Chief Executive Officer Edward Jimenez, UF Health Jacksonville Chief Operating Officer Greg Miller

[1]<https://med.jax.ufl.edu/news/story/?id=2797>

[2]<https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/healthcare/2021/07/25/uf-health-jacksonville-ceo-killed-watercraft-accident/8086129002/>

[3]<https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/healthcare/2021/07/27/funeral-uf-health-jacksonville-ceo-leon-haley-pittsburgh/5384622001/>