By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing and commend

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WHEREAS, Charles Edward Bell was born on October 26, 1928, in Sanford, North Carolina, earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1950 from Wake Forest University, enlisted in the United States Army, graduated from Officer Candidate School, commanded an intelligence cell in the Korean War, and, following his honorable discharge, served as a Captain in the Army Reserve for 5 years, and

WHEREAS, while employed by J.C. Penney Company in 1970, Mr. Bell moved his family to Perrine, Florida, to open a J.C. Penney store in the Dadeland Mall, and under his dynamic leadership, the store became the leader in retail sales volume among all J.C. Penney stores in the Southeastern Region of the United States, and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Bell moved to Dade County, he resumed his robust involvement in civic affairs, joining the Greater South Dade County Chamber of Commerce, serving as chair of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee and as a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors; joining the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Rotary Club and serving as the Club's President; and serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S.O., as a member of the Board of Directors for Community Health of South Dade, Inc., and as chair of the Council of Ministries of Cutler Ridge United Methodist Church, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell served as chair of the Advisory Board of the Senior Employment Council, chair of the Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Committee, and as chair of Rotary District 6990 Disaster Relief Committee, where he oversaw distribution

of over \$1 million donated by Rotary Clubs worldwide to aid in providing relief to local residents who suffered catastrophic losses from the devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew, and was also a founding member of the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Council, served as a member of the Council's Board of Directors from 1998 to 2003, and at the time of his recent passing, was the Council's Director Emeritus, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate posthumously recognizes and commends Charles Bell for his exemplary life, as a husband and father, as a distinguished Army officer, as a successful businessman, and as a dynamic civic leader who selflessly rendered invaluable community service to those who reside in Perrine, Cutler Ridge, and Dade County, Florida.