

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 7, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing sympathy
and condolences to the Graham
family on the recent passing of
Senator Daniel Robert "Bob"
Graham

Resolution No. R-416-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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5-7-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-416-24

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND
CONDOLENCES TO THE GRAHAM FAMILY ON THE
RECENT PASSING OF SENATOR DANIEL ROBERT “BOB”
GRAHAM

WHEREAS, Senator Daniel Robert “Bob” Graham was born on November 9, 1936, in what is now Miami-Dade County (the “County”), to Ernest and Hilda Graham; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham was a resident of what is now County District 13; and

WHEREAS, after attending County public schools, Senator Graham graduated from the University of Florida in 1959 and Harvard Law School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Senator Graham married his wife Adele Khoury Graham, and together they had four children; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham began his distinguished career in public service in 1966, serving for a term in the Florida House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham then served in the Florida Senate from 1970 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Senator Graham served two terms as the Governor of Florida from 1979 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham left his gubernatorial position as one of Florida’s most popular politicians, with an 83 percent voter-approval rating; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham later served in the United States Senate, representing Florida from 1987 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham was chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee during and after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in his entire political career, Senator Graham never lost an election; and

WHEREAS, during his decades long career as a public servant, Senator Graham was, among many things, a champion for education and the environment; and

WHEREAS, for example, Senator Graham focused on improving the State universities, lowering class sizes, increasing teacher salaries, and raising per-pupil spending; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham was also critical in enacting the largest environmental protection program in Florida's history, bringing thousands of environmentally important lands under state control and establishing the "Save the Everglades" program; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Governor, Senator Graham also worked to improve the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the State added over a million jobs during Governor Graham's time in office, and many of those jobs were in high-tech manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham was also renowned for his practice of "workdays" where he would work full eight-hour days at various jobs typical of his constituents and performed tasks such as carrying luggage, fishing for lobsters, picking tomatoes, shrimping, serving tables, cutting hair, picking up trash, paving roads, or plumbing; and

WHEREAS, the New York Times reported that by the end of his political career, Senator Graham had worked 921 more-or-less ordinary jobs in 109 cities and five states; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham also pushed to expand childcare and abuse prevention programs as well as service programs for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his specific legislative accomplishments, Senator Graham was known for being a statesman able to "cross the aisle" to achieve the best for the State of Florida and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham was admired and respected by both Republicans and Democrats; and

WHEREAS, after his distinguished career in public service, Senator Graham founded the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Senator Graham passed away on April 16, 2024, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to express its sympathy and condolences to the Graham family; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution expressing the Board's sympathy and condolences, the Board also wishes to honor Senator Graham, his exemplary life of public service, and his commitment to civic engagement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Expresses its sympathy and condolences to the Graham family on the recent passing of Senator Daniel Robert "Bob" Graham.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Senator Daniel Robert "Bob" Graham.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CJF", written over a horizontal line.