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Letters to the editor

A life well lived: The judge will never truly be gone

It deeply saddened all of us at the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to learn of the passing of Judge Charlie Miner. His initiatives to help troubled juveniles find their way to productive lives - particularly through mentoring and community service - were ahead of their time. Many of the successful programs we have in our agency today mirror his vision. His lively, storied career and dedication to public service made him a true Florida icon and an important role model for us all.

To those of us who knew him - whether it was from his presence on the bench, from his work as a civic activist or from any of the seemingly countless other interests in which he excelled - Judge Miner will never truly be gone. Can there be a greater testament to a life well lived?

Surely Judge Miner will be missed, but the people he touched and the lives he influenced, in many special ways, will make it seem as though he is still with us for a very long time.

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