

ROGERS, Paul Grant

Research!America mourns the loss of The Honorable Paul G. Rogers, Research!America chair emeritus and former Florida Congressman. Paul was aptly known as "Mr. Health" for his 50-year legacy as one of our nation's most accomplished, passionate advocates for health research. He was held in highest esteem by his colleagues, his peers in Congress, multiple Administrations, and leaders in all areas of health and science. Paul was truly a giant, and we were so fortunate to have shared his time and great talents. He often said, "Without research, there is no hope." For the hope that research has brought to lives of Americans and people everywhere, the world owes a great debt of thanks to Paul Rogers. His achievements benefited the lives of Americans young and old, from every corner of the nation. As just one example, thanks to his work on behalf of the National Cancer Act, children's death rates from cancer dropped by more than 60 percent. He was a role model and the epitome of public service, whose optimism and tireless commitment to health research inspired generations of advocates. He was often honored, yet never wanted the light to shine on himself. Instead he seized accolades as a time to champion a cause and challenge others to make America the world leader in health and research for health. To those who knew and worked with Paul, he will be long remembered as the champion of hope that he was.

**The Hon. John E. Porter, Mary Woolley
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