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Franklin Schuler Jr. drops out of race for Congress



This is a picture of Franklin Schuler Jr. in Bronson on Feb. 28, when he spoke about running for Congress.

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LEVY COUNTY – Franklin Schuler Jr., 67, of Bronson, one of the Democratic Party candidates for United States House of Representatives, District 2 Florida, announced Thursday evening in a telephone interview that he has chosen to withdraw from that race.

Schuler said he has been suffering from a severe foot issue and his doctor is going to perform surgery. The doctor told him that it is best for him from a health perspective if he not seek to win this election to Congress, Schuler said.

The Gulf Hammock native and United States Army veteran had initially announced his intent to unseat U.S. Rep. (Dr.) Neal Dunn, M.D. (R-District 2 Florida) in an interview conducted in Bronson on Feb. 28. Rep. Dunn has said he plans to seek reelection. Among the offices Schuler has held in the past was as mayor of Bronson.