

Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-40 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. MELANIE REVMAN-FOX, PRINCIPAL OF CORAL GABLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AS THE NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FOR FLORIDA**

Last spring, Ms. Melanie Revman-Fox, principal of Coral Gables Elementary School, was chosen as the National Distinguished Principal (NDP) for Florida by the U. S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. The NDP program is designed to recognize excellence among elementary and middle school principals. Each year one principal is selected, using stringent criteria, to represent each of the 50 states. Many times these principals are called upon to represent their states on various national committees.

Ms. Revman-Fox is an illustrious and committed educator. She served as Director of Educational Services for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Dade, and in 1984 she was hired as a principal by our school system to establish the Neva King Cooper Educational Center – the county's first public school to serve profoundly mentally handicapped students ages 3-21. In 1991, she moved to Coral Gables Elementary and lead that school to a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation in 1993-94. For the past two years, Coral Gables Elementary has been named a Florida Five Star School for its exemplary volunteer, parent, and community involvement programs.

Just last week, Ms. Revman-Fox flew to Washington, D.C.. to meet the other 49 National Distinguished Principals and to receive a prestigious lifetime achievement award from President Clinton, Vice President Gore and Secretary of Education Riley. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have such an inspired and gracious leader who cares so deeply about the success of her students and school community. It is fitting that this Board recognize Ms. Revman-Fox for her great achievements and contributions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MANTY SABATES MORSE:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 99-40 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Melanie Revman-Fox, principal of Coral Gables Elementary School, as National Distinguished Principal for Florida.

MSM:jm

RESOLUTION NO. 99-40 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
HONORING MS. MELANIE REVMAN-FOX, PRINCIPAL OF  
CORAL GABLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AS THE  
NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FOR FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, last spring Coral Gables Elementary School Principal Melanie Revman-Fox was chosen as the National Distinguished Principal (NDP) for Florida and this month was presented the NDP lifetime achievement award by President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and U.S. Secretary of Education Riley; and

**WHEREAS**, the NDP program recognizes excellence among elementary and middle school principals and is presented annually to one principal from each state; and

**WHEREAS**, many times NDP principals represent their states on various national committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Revman-Fox is deserving of such a national honor as she is an illustrious and committed educator. She helped establish Neva King Cooper Educational Center and led Coral Gables Elementary School to a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence designation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Melanie Revman-Fox, Principal of Coral Gables Elementary School, as the National Distinguished Principal for Florida.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twentieth day of October, A.D. 1999

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary