

Mrs. Manty Sabates Morse

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, NAMING G. HOLMES BRADDOCK "DEAN AND OFFICIAL HISTORIAN" OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

This resolution calls for the recognition of Board member G. Holmes Braddock for his uninterrupted 38 years of service to the students, taxpayers, and citizens of Miami-Dade County by officially naming him "Dean and Official Historian" of the Miami-Dade County.

First elected in 1962, G. Holmes Braddock has been a member of the Miami-Dade County School Board for the past 38 years, the longest-serving Board member nationwide.

A native of Forsyth, Georgia, Holmes Braddock migrated to Florida in the early years of his life. Married and father of four, Holmes conducted his studies in South Florida where he received his high school, bachelors, and masters degrees.

Currently, Holmes is a Chartered Life Underwriter and is the resident manager for Jefferson-Pilot Life Insurance Company where he has worked since 1975.

A member of the Killian Pines United Methodist Church, Holmes has been involved in numerous community-based organizations like the Wesley Foundation at the University of Miami, the Khoury League, the Optimist Club, and the American Legion.

During his many years of public service, Holmes has been the recipient of various honors such as the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Humanitarian Award given by the Greater Miami Urban League, the Outstanding Service Award by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Human Relations Award by the American Jewish Committee, and the School Bell of Outstanding Citizen of Florida Award by the Florida Education Association.

Disregarding public opinion, Holmes Braddock has championed causes which have not always been popular with the majority of the voting public.

A strong supporter of civil rights, Holmes was an early backer of integrating our public school system during one of the most critical periods of our country. He has always been a strong advocate of bilingual education in Miami-Dade County even when it had little public support.

Over the course of his public service career, Holmes Braddock has demonstrated time and time again to be an individual of courage and character limitless personal and political integrity. Holmes Braddock has been one of the unsung heroes of our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MRS. MANTY SABATES MORSE: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 00-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida naming G. Holmes Braddock "Dean and Official Historian of the School Board".

RESOLUTION #00-01
NAMING G. HOLMES BRADDOCK
"DEAN AND OFFICIAL HISTORIAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD"

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS SERVED ON THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR AN UNINTERRUPTED 38 YEARS, MAKING HIM THE LONGEST-SERVING BOARD MEMBER IN THE NATION, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS BEEN A PRODUCT OF SOUTH FLORIDA WHERE HE HAS LIVED SINCE EARLY ON IN HIS LIFE, RECEIVING HIS HIGH SCHOOL, BACHELORS, AND MASTERS DEGREES FROM SOUTH FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WESLEY FOUNDATION, THE KHOURY LEAGUE, THE OPTIMIST CLUB, AND THE AMERICAN LEGION, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE RECEIVING THE WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR. MEMORIAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD FROM THE GREATER MIAMI URBAN LEAGUE, THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FROM THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AND THE SCHOOL BELL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF FLORIDA AWARDED TO HIM BY THE FLORIDA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS CHAMPIONING INTEGRATION OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM, AT A TURBULENT TIME IN OUR HISTORY, AND WHEN DOING SO WAS POLITICALLY SUICIDAL, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAD THE FORESIGHT TO ADVOCATE BILINGUAL EDUCATION WHEN IT DID NOT ENJOY MAJORITY SUPPORT, AND WHEN MIAMI DADE COUNTY WAS NOT PERCEIVED TO BE THE INTERNATIONAL LINK BETWEEN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE AS IT IS TODAY, AND

WHEREAS, GIVEN HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND THUS WITNESS TO OUR RICH HISTORY AND HERITAGE, AND

WHEREAS, G. HOLMES BRADDOCK HAS THROUGHOUT HIS PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER DEMONSTRATED COURAGE AND PERSONAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL INTEGRITY,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY HEREBY NAMES G. HOLMES BRADDOCK "DEAN AND OFFICIAL HISTORIAN OF THE BOARD" FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

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

Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2000
The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Secretary