

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT OF PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE  
CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RECOGNIZING SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH  
STUDENT JEANETTE COTO FOR HER WORK TO PREVENT  
UNDERAGE DRINKING**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will convene the MADD National Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking 2000 on September 29, 2000, in Washington, D.C. Ms. Jeanette Coto, a student from South Miami Senior High School, will join 434 other young people from each U.S. congressional district and United States territory at this five-day event. Throughout the summit, youth delegates will be given a forum to explore the issues surrounding alcohol—the number one drug problem for youth—and will develop and propose solutions to underage drinking and related issues.

Studies show that more than half of all junior and senior high school students drink monthly and that eight young people a day die in alcohol-related crashes. MADD energizes and empowers youth to be part of a call for action to address these devastating statistics.

At the conclusion of the summit, delegates will present their report to the public, policymakers and elected officials at a national news conference on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. With young people as partners in its programs, MADD can make a difference in effectively addressing alcohol-related issues.

Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board endorse the proclamation issued by the City of South Miami recognizing Ms. Jeanette Coto for her work to prevent underage drinking. A copy of the proclamation will be submitted to the Board under separate cover and will be on file in the Citizen Information Center.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MRS. MANTY S. MORSE:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the proclamation issued by The City of South Miami recognizing Jeanette Coto for her work to prevent underage drinking.

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