

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of October 24, 2001

October 10, 2001

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-41 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
WELCOMING UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PRESIDENT DONNA
SHALALA TO MIAMI**

University of Miami President Donna Shalala has a long history of contributing to her community and country. As the longest serving secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), she achieved many accomplishments including bringing health insurance to 3.3 million children, raising immunization rates to record highs, improving nursing home standards and fighting to prevent elder abuse.

An HHS secretary who was an innovator and entrepreneur, Dr. Shalala partnered with businesses and the media in a crusade for awareness and education. Her work resulted in a decline in the use of tobacco and drugs by children and in a decline in teen pregnancies.

Additionally, her fight against Medicare and Medicaid fraud resulted in \$1 billion being recovered since 1996 and \$60 million being saved since 1993. At the end of her government tenure, the Washington Post described her as "one of the most successful governmental managers of all time."

Dr. Shalala was the president of Hunter College before becoming chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The first woman to head a Big Ten university, she was named one of the five best managers in higher education by *BusinessWeek*. She then joined the Carter Administration as assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development and later became treasurer of the New York City Municipal Assistance Corporation, helping to save that city from the brink of bankruptcy.

It gives me great pleasure to ask the Board to join hundreds of others throughout our community and our state in welcoming Dr. Donna Shalala to Miami.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-41 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida welcoming University of Miami President Donna Shalala to Miami.

MSM:sr

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ITEM WITHDRAWN
(10/24/01)**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-41 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
WELCOMING UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PRESIDENT
DONNA SHALALA TO MIAMI

WHEREAS, the University of Miami Board of Trustees could not have selected a more committed, knowledgeable leader in education and government then Dr. Donna Shalala; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shalala's work and accomplishments while serving as assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Carter administration and as secretary of Health and Human Services during the Clinton Administration are well-known not only in our great country, but in nations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shalala had more than 25 years of experience in education first as a scholar, then as a teacher, and last as an administrator before becoming the fifth president of the University of Miami; and

WHEREAS, The first woman to head a Big Ten university – Wisconsin-Madison – Dr. Shalala was named one of the five best managers in higher education by *BusinessWeek*, and at the end of her government tenure was described as “one of the most successful managers of all time,” by the Washington Post; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shalala is certain to be as involved in the vibrancy of Miami-Dade County as she was in that of Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, the people of our entire community as well as the university's students, faculty and staff will benefit from Dr. Shalala's presidency and presence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.01-41 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, welcoming University of Miami President Donna Shalala to Miami.

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

Presented this twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary