

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 02-41 SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL GULFSTREAM MILE RUN TO BE HELD AT GULFSTREAM PARK ON FEBRUARY 15, 2003

The Gulfstream Mile Run is a community-based sports event whereby students from the school systems of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties will be participating in a one mile run on Saturday, February 15, 2003 also known as "Fountain of Youth Day" at the Gulfstream Park on the border line of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

This one mile run will be holding its event in 2003 making it the largest attended track and field event in the history of high school sports. The Broward and Palm Beach School Boards as well as the Florida State High School Athletic Association are supporting this event.

Prior to the one mile run finals on the 15th, elimination heats will take place on Tuesday, February 11th. From these heats, 24 boys and 24 girls (8 boys and 8 girls from each of the three counties) will qualify to compete in the finals. Participating schools will nominate runners for competition based on time criteria.

The run itself will take place on the main dirt horse track between regularly scheduled horse races. The main track is one mile in circumference.

The event is available for corporate sponsorship with all the funds raised earmarked for student scholarships. Last year, each county school board received a check for \$16,377.00 as a result of the event.

Entertainment will be provided by student musicians, marching bands, and performing artists to the approximate 19,000 expected attendance on February 15, 2003.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 02-41 Supporting the Gulfstream Mile Run to be held at Gulfstream Park on February 15, 2003.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-41
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL GULFSTREAM MILE RUN
TO BE HELD AT GULFSTREAM PARK ON FEBRUARY 15, 2003**

WHEREAS, the Gulfstream Mile Run provides a wonderful opportunity to bring the three counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach together in a joint event sharing a magnificent youthful experience; and

WHEREAS, sporting events have a long track record of bringing people together from diverse communities as those which make up South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Gulfstream Mile Run provides a once in a lifetime chance for many of our young athletes to race before such a large audience; and

WHEREAS, the Gulfstream Mile Run is available for sponsorships giving the South Florida Corporate community the opportunity of participating in a unifying people event; and

WHEREAS, proceeds for these sponsorships will be earmarked for student scholarships so badly needed in our inner-city communities; and

WHEREAS, the Gulfstream Mile Run will be promoting excellence in sports competition and personal achievement from our student population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-41 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, joining sister school boards from Broward and Palm Beach in their enthusiastic support of the Gulfstream Mile Run to be held on February 15, 2003.

Presented this twenty-third day of October, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary