

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-01 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE CONGRESSWOMAN FROM  
FLORIDA, CARRIE P. MEEK**

**COMMITTEE:       ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL  
OPERATIONS**

The Honorable Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek served 13 years in the Florida Legislature where she chaired the Education Appropriations Subcommittee before becoming Florida's first African-American since reconstruction to be elected to the United States Congress. She not only made history then, but throughout her many years of dedicated service both as an educator and as an elected official.

She developed much of Florida's current housing finance policy, which has resulted in affordable rental units or home ownership for thousands of families. She was equally successful in Congress after being elected to it in 1992, following Hurricane Andrew, our nation's costliest hurricane. While her constituents were cleaning up mountains of debris and trying to rebuild their lives, homes, schools and businesses, she was in Washington securing funds, assistance and policy decisions that made rebuilding possible.

Quickly becoming known as a skilled debater and effective congressional leader, she served on the powerful Education Appropriations Committee as well as on the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee. Her success in sponsoring legislation or guiding it through Congress was great and ranged from providing retirement security for household workers such as gardeners, nannies and cleaning personnel to improving Miami-Dade County's transit system, airport and seaport.

Congresswoman Meek, a woman of remarkable intelligence and integrity, has brought valuable ideas and legislation to fruition that have benefited us all. Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board honor her for her commitment to education and to the well-being of our community, state and country.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the honorable Congresswoman from Florida, Carrie P. Meek.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-01**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING**  
**THE HONORABLE CONGRESSWOMAN FROM FLORIDA, CARRIE P. MEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek served 13 years in the Florida Legislative, first as a representative then as a senator; she chaired the Education Appropriations Subcommittee as well as created much of Florida's housing finance policy that has resulted in affordable rental units and home ownership for thousands of families; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, was Florida's first African-American elected to U.S. Congress since reconstruction; taking office in 1992, she served on the powerful congressional Education Appropriations Committee and on the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, a skilled debater and outstanding leader, successfully sponsored or guided legislation through Congress that ranged from ensuring retirement security for household workers such as gardeners, nannies and cleaning personnel to improving Miami-Dade County's transit system, airport and seaport; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, a college teacher, administrator and athletic coach, whose interest in education and the economy never waned during her many years of public service, used her outstanding intellect, integrity, leadership and determination to make our community a vital and vibrant place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek never has had a task before her that her talents and capabilities haven't equaled; and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, as a private citizen, will continue the advocacy for education, people and human rights that has marked her professional and political careers;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Honorable Congresswoman from Florida, Carrie P. Meek.

Presented this fifteenth day of January, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary