

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-12 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. ZYRIA ALEXANDER, FIFTH-GRADE
STUDENT AT SCOTT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR
WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA'S
ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH "REMEMBERING THE
PAST, CELEBRATING THE FUTURE" ESSAY CONTEST**

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Zyria Alexander, a fifth-grade student at Scott Lake Elementary School, won first place in the Governor of Florida's annual Black History Month "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future" essay contest. She wrote about how Florida's African-American leaders or groups during the Civil Rights Era, 1948-1969, impacted her life.

Governor Jeb Bush said, "It is important that Florida's children are educated about the history of all Floridans, especially the achievements of African-Americans." He described the competition as an excellent opportunity for students to not only gain such knowledge but to showcase their creativity and reward them for their talent. Prizes for the winners in each category included an all expense paid trip to Tallahassee to attend the annual Black History Month Reception at the Governor's mansion and a full 4-year tuition scholarship to a state college or university of their choice.

It is appropriate that the School Board recognize Ms. Alexander at this meeting for her outstanding achievement. This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause for varying from the published agenda is that February is Black History Month, and there will not be another School Board meeting until March.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-12 of The School Board of Miami Dade County Florida, recognizing Ms. Zyria Alexander, fifth-grade student at Scott Lake Elementary School for winning first place in the Governor of Florida's annual Black History Month "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future" essay contest.

**GOOD CAUSE
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CONTEST**

WHEREAS, students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are encouraged to practice good writing skills by writing on a wide variety of topics; and

WHEREAS, having good writing skills help form the framework for academic success and are of benefit throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zyria Alexander, a fifth-grade student at Scott Lake Elementary School, has proven that she has acquired those skills by entering and winning first place in the Governor of Florida's annual Black History Month "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future" essay contest which had as its theme, "How Florida's African-American leaders or groups during the Civil Rights Era, 1948-1969, impacted my life;" and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander's heartfelt essay has earned her the respect of her family and friends as well as her teachers and resulted in her being awarded a four-year college scholarship as well as a trip to Tallahassee to attend the annual Black History Month Reception at the Governor's Mansion; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jeb Bush described this competition as an excellent opportunity for Florida's students to learn about African-American contributions to Florida, showcase their creativity and reward them for their talent;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-12 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Zyria Alexander, a fifth-grade student at Scott Lake Elementary School, for winning first place in the Governor of Florida's annual Black History Month "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future" essay contest.

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

Presented this twelfth day of February, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary