

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF LEO M. LICHTMAN, A
GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, FOR WINNING FIRST
PLACE IN AN ESSAY COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE
FLORIDA LAW RELATED EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

This year hundreds of students from across Florida competed in a writing competition sponsored by the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. Leo M. Lichtman, a student at Glades Middle School, won first place for his essay about how independent courts protect our liberties. His reward included an all-expense-paid trip to Tallahassee for a day-long educational program hosted by Florida Supreme Court Justice R. Fred Lewis including an awards luncheon at the Governor's Club, where he presented his essay and accepted his trophy and a \$100 savings bond.

Through participation in the competition, students had the opportunity to utilize their research and their writing skills as well as to increase their knowledge of the law and our legal system. Only one essay-contest winner in the entire state was selected in each category. Therefore, it is a distinct honor for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and for Glades Middle School in particular, to have one of its students bestowed with this distinguished first-place honor.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Leo Lichtman, a Glades Middle School student, for winning first place in an essay competition sponsored by the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc.