

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-12 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE "I HAVE A DREAM"®
PROGRAM AND ITS SPONSORS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The "I Have a Dream"® (IHAD) Foundation is a national organization that was founded in 1981 to help children from low-income areas reach their educational and career goals by providing a comprehensive, long-term program of monitoring, tutoring and life-skills enrichment with an assured opportunity for higher education (a guarantee of a state college or an accredited vocational training opportunity). The program, which has been effective in helping disadvantaged youth reach their dreams, was spearheaded in Miami, Florida, by Jules and Stephanie Trump and implemented by the "IHAD Foundation of Miami, Inc." at Charles R. Drew Elementary School with 97 second grade students in 1992. As a result, the second-grade "Dreamers" were afforded the higher education opportunity the program provides.

In addition to the Trump sponsored, now eleventh graders (Class of 2005), there are currently students in other grades participating in the Miami "I Have a Dream"® program at Charles R. Drew Elementary School and at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School. They are sponsored by Norman and Irma Braman, the Scharlin Family, David and Beth Ertel, Nancy Hector and Margie and Mark Buchbinder of the MBM Family Foundation. These are individuals who believe that education makes the greatest impact on children, especially those from low-income families.

"Dreamers" are provided with the necessary support to complete their education with literacy and to become proud and productive citizens. Most of all, they are taught to find their own talents and to develop the positive self-esteem that will help them attain their dreams.

The program's primary objective is to motivate children to stay in school and to succeed, and it is being accomplished. Therefore, it is appropriate that this School Board recognize the "I Have a Dream"® program and its sponsors with a resolution in their honor.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-12 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the "I Have a Dream"® program and its sponsors for their significant contributions to education.

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-12
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE "I HAVE A DREAM"® PROGRAM AND ITS SPONSORS FOR THEIR
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the "I Have a Dream"® (IHAD) Foundation is a national organization founded in 1981 to help children from low income areas reach their educational and career goals; and

WHEREAS, it strives to accomplish its mission by providing a comprehensive, long-term program of monitoring, tutoring and life skills enrichment with an assured opportunity for higher education (a guarantee of a state college or an accredited vocational training opportunity) for its participants; and

WHEREAS, this program, which has been effective in helping disadvantaged youth reach their dreams, was spearheaded in Miami by Jules and Stephanie Trump and implemented by the "IHAD Foundation of Miami, Inc." at Charles R. Drew Elementary School with 97 second grade students in 1992; and

WHEREAS, currently, in addition to the Trump sponsored Class of 2005, there are students in additional grades participating in the "IHAD" program at Charles R. Drew Elementary School and at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, these students are sponsored by Norman and Irma Braman, the Scharlin Family, David and Beth Ertel, Nancy Hector and Margie and Mark Buchbinder of the MBM Family Foundation — individuals who believe that education makes the greatest impact on children, especially those from low income families; and

WHEREAS, "Dreamers" are provided with the necessary support to complete their education with literacy and to become proud and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, most of all, they are taught to find their own talents and to develop the positive self-esteem necessary to help them attain their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the program's primary objective — to motivate children to stay in school and to succeed — is being accomplished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-12 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the "I Have a Dream"® program and its sponsors for their significant contributions to education.

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary