

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-11 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING SERGEANT EDMOND LEE RANDLE,
JR. FOR GIVING HIS LIFE FOR FREEDOM**

We believe our nation is a solid force for freedom in the world — a stronghold for which we may be justly proud. However, freedom is not cheap; its price is very high. Fighting for it, whether at home or in a foreign corner of the world such as Iraq, continues to stand as a reminder of this fact.

What is unique, wondrous and marvelous is that since its founding, America has never lacked for individuals willing to come forward when the need arises to pay that price with their honor, commitment and, when necessary, their lives. Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle, Jr., a graduate of Miami-Central Senior High School, was such a person.

If there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for freedom, then we are faced with an abundance of love in America. As much as those in the military services love life, they have an equal love of an idea — the idea that we should live in a land that is safe, free and democratic. Because of that belief, they defend what they hold dear, even if it means sacrificing their lives so that others might live and enjoy freedom.

Just as these men and women have honored us by giving so much in order that we may live in peace, let us honor them, and in particular Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle, Jr., who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending freedom in Iraq.

It is appropriate that our School Board approve the resolution in Sergeant Randle's honor and celebrate the fact that America, because of men and women like him, shall continue to be the hope of all mankind — today, tomorrow and every day thereafter.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-11 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle, Jr. for giving his life for freedom.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-11
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING SERGEANT EDMOND LEE RANDLE, JR. FOR GIVING
HIS LIFE FOR FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, freedom is not only a word we take to heart in America; it is something we live by — something that shapes the course of our lives and often that of others in far away places; and

WHEREAS, we are proud that our country is a solid force for peace and democracy in the world — a stronghold of freedom for which we may be justly proud; and

WHEREAS, we know that freedom carries a high price, yet is something so precious that America has never lacked for individuals willing to come forward when the need arises to pay the price for it with their honor, commitment and even, when necessary, their lives; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle, Jr., son of Karla Randle-West and graduate of Miami Central Senior High School, was such a person; he lost his life in Iraq while helping ensure for us and others the privilege of living in a land that is safe, free and democratic; and

WHEREAS, because of him and all of our brave young men and women of the military who defend freedom, America shall continue to be the hope of all mankind, today, tomorrow and every day thereafter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-11 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Sergeant Edmond Lee Randle, Jr., for giving his life for freedom.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary