

Mr. Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-30 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE NAME CHANGE OF THE MAGNET ARTS PROGRAM AT SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO THE CELIA CRUZ CENTER OF THE ARTS AT SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH, AND; DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENDORSE THE NAME CHANGE THROUGH STAFF SUPPORT

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Ms. Celia Cruz, a native of Havana, Cuba, launched her career in the 1940's singing all the elements of Cuban Music. She was a vibrant and world renowned entertainer, honored by former U.S. President Bill Clinton and the National Academy of the Humanities and the Performing Arts, having performed with every major bandleader and having recorded more than 70 albums, three of which earned Grammy awards. After leaving Cuba and moving permanently to the United States, Celia Cruz continued an active performing schedule taking her to every corner of the world.

Celia Cruz represented the best value of individuals who choose to migrate and live in this country and her name has become synonymous with excellence in the arts.

In support of Ms. Celia Cruz, it is recommended that Miami-Dade County Public Schools support the name change honoring Celia Cruz; and, direct the Superintendent of Schools to endorse the change through staff support.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, support the name change of the Magnet Arts Program at South Miami Senior High School to the Celia Cruz Center of the Arts at South Miami Senior High, and; direct the Superintendent of Schools to endorse the name change through staff support.

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MAGNET ARTS PROGRAM AT SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL TO THE CELIA CRUZ CENTER OF THE
ARTS AT SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Celia Cruz, a native of Havana, Cuba, launched her career in the 1940's singing all the elements of Cuban music, and

WHEREAS, Celia Cruz was a vibrant and world renowned entertainer, honored by former U.S. President Bill Clinton and the National Academy of the Humanities and the Performing Arts, having performed with every major bandleader and having recorded more than 70 albums, three of which earned Grammy awards; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Cuba and moving permanently to the United States, Celia Cruz continued an active performing schedule which took her to every corner of the world; and

WHEREAS, this lively, vocal powerhouse not only shared her music, but made enormous contributions to our community through her personal involvement and financial contributions to numerous causes; and

WHEREAS, initially a teacher, Celia Cruz was honored with honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Miami, Florida International University and Yale University; and

WHEREAS, Celia Cruz represented the very best in those who choose to migrate and live in this country; her name is synonymous with excellence in the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-30, in support of the proposed name change honoring Celia Cruz, and; direct the Superintendent of Schools to endorse the name change through staff support.

Presented this fourteenth day of April, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary