

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-36 OF THE  
                      SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
                      RECOGNIZING DONNA RICE, FLORIDA OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER  
                      OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE:   FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

On April 20, 2004, Donna Rice, a volunteer at Key Biscayne K-8 Center, was honored at the Florida Department of Education's Outstanding School Volunteer Awards luncheon in Orlando. The award is presented annually to school volunteers who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to quality education in Florida.

Ms. Rice has been a volunteer for seven years and has logged over 1,000 hours of service. She has been instrumental in implementing various school-wide programs, including the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Program and the Science Enrichment Outreach Program.

In addition, Ms. Rice started a special program, *Character In Action*, to reward the K-8 center's middle school students for good citizenship. An M-DCPS alumnus, Ms. Rice also mentors two students at Miami Springs Senior High School.

It is recommended, therefore, that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing Donna Rice for her outstanding contributions to students, teachers and parents, and for acting as an exemplary role model for all M-DCPS school volunteers.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-36 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Donna Rice for her outstanding volunteer service for the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-36  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING  
DONNA RICE FOR HER RECENT RECOGNITION AS A 2004 FLORIDA  
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECEIPEINT**

**WHEREAS**, Donna Rice is a volunteer who is well known for her contributions to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rice has enhanced the education of all students at Key Biscayne K-8 Center through her efforts to create science enrichment programs and to find funding and support for the construction of a new playground, cafeteria courtyard and school-wide sound system; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rice has increased safety awareness at the school as a result of her numerous programs, including Stranger Danger, bike and pedestrian safety events, and through her efforts to convince local officials to build sidewalks around the school's perimeter; and

**WHEREAS**, she has also mentored two students at Miami Springs Senior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rice has set an example of generosity and public service for our students to emulate when they become adults and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, her example also shows every volunteer and parent that one person can make a significant difference in making our schools better through hard work and determination; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No.04-36 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Donna Rice for her volunteer service to the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of May, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY