

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-37 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING DISNEYHAND TEACHER AWARD HONOREE JOSEPH UNDERWOOD FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP AND HIS CARING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHILDREN OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Last month, Miami Senior High School educator Joseph W. Underwood became one of only 39 teachers nationwide to win the 2004 DisneyHand Teacher Award for excellence and creativity in the classroom. Mr. Underwood, director of Miami High's Arts Related Technology for Entertainment Careers (ARTEC) program, was one of 150,000 nominees for the honor, given by the Walt Disney Company. As a DisneyHand winner, Mr. Underwood will receive \$10,000 during a July 25<sup>th</sup> gala in Anaheim, California. Miami Senior High School will receive \$5,000 in honor of his achievement.

It is fitting that the School Board recognize Mr. Underwood for his selection for the DisneyHand honor, as well as for his leadership and his commitment to the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 04-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating DisneyHand Teacher Award honoree Joseph Underwood for his extraordinary leadership and his caring contribution to the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-37  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
CONGRATULATING DISNEYHAND TEACHER AWARD HONOREE  
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP  
AND HIS CARING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHILDREN OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Underwood's excellence as a classroom teacher led to his assignment as director of Miami Senior High School's Arts Related Technology for Entertainment (ARTEC) program; and

**WHEREAS**, as ARTEC director, Mr. Underwood has shown the same creativity and excellence that have been the hallmarks of his work throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS**, creativity and excellence are the main criteria for the DisneyHand Teacher Awards, given by the Walt Disney Company to some of America's best teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Underwood was one of 150,000 teachers from around the country to be nominated for the 2004 DisneyHand Award, and one of only 39 to win; and

**WHEREAS**, the DisneyHand Award is testament to Mr. Underwood's educational leadership and his loving commitment to his students;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 04-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating DisneyHand Teacher Award honoree Joseph Underwood for his extraordinary leadership and his caring contribution 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