

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.04-31
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE LOCAL WINNERS OF
THE AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL,
TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS (ACT-
SO) COMPETITION**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a major youth initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Its main goal is to provide students of African descent with the knowledge, confidence, resources and support needed to achieve their dreams and realize their full potential.

Often referred to as an Olympics of the mind, ACT-SO was founded in 1977 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett. This unique, year-long program helps to identify, enhance, reward and showcase excellence among Black youngsters. It also provides a national forum through which they can demonstrate not only academic, artistic and scientific prowess, but the expertise to successfully compete with their counterparts in classrooms, boardrooms and laboratories at the superior levels of achievement constantly displayed in athletic arenas of this nation.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve resolution No. 04-31 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the local winners of the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) competition.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-31
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE LOCAL WINNERS OF THE AFRO-ACADEMIC,
CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS
(ACT-SO) COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), founded in 1977 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett, is a major, year-long, youth enrichment initiative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to help identify, enhance, reward and showcase excellence in Black youths; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this unique competition is to provide students of African heritage with the knowledge, confidence, resources and support needed to achieve their dreams and realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, it is also a goal for them to be afforded the same respect for their scholastic and cultural achievements that is afforded entertainment and sports heroes; and

WHEREAS, ACT-SO provides a national forum through which Black youngsters can demonstrate not only academic, artistic and scientific prowess, but also the expertise to successfully compete with their counterparts in classrooms, boardrooms and laboratories at superior levels of achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-31 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the local winners of the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) competition.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary