

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 04-42 RECOGNIZING THE COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEATER AND THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN SHARING THEATER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE:       BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The Coconut Grove Playhouse has become a nationally-renowned theater since premiering Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* in 1956. Since then, the Playhouse has hosted many of theater's most distinguished actors, including Tallulah Bankhead, Jessica Tandy, George C. Scott and Liza Minnelli, among others. Since 1985, over 100 Mainstage, Encore Room and touring productions have been created. The theater has presented a wide variety of productions, from musicals like *Don't Stop the Carnival*, to dramas like a revival of *Death of a Salesman* and has presented original plays as well as South Florida and world premieres.

The Coconut Grove Playhouse is a strong community partner through its educational theater programs, which serve thousands of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students each year. It has received critical acclaim for its artistic excellence and continues to be at the forefront of bringing quality theater to South Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 04-42 recognizing the Coconut Grove Playhouse for their commitment to theater and their continued support in sharing theater with Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-42  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE  
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEATER AND THEIR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT IN SHARING THEATER WITH  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Coconut Grove Playhouse has been an integral part of Miami's cultural and artistic community since 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, the theater has enhanced countless lives by creating over 100 Mainstage, Encore Room and touring productions and has won critical acclaim; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coconut Grove Playhouse has been an educational leader for its work through its educational theater programs, serving thousands of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the theater has presented original works as well as South Florida and world premieres and offers programming that ranges from musicals to comedy and drama;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 04-42 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Coconut Grove Playhouse for their commitment to theater and their continued support in sharing theater with Miami-Dade County Public School students.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of June, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY