

Dr. Michael M. Krop, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-49
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN FOR
HER 16 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE
BOARD**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The contributions of Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan to our School Board, our school district and our community are immeasurable. During her 16 years of service as a School Board member, Ms. Kaplan has helped to greatly enhance the health and well-being of our schools and the students they serve. The impact she has had on education in our community will linger long after she concludes her time in office.

Ms. Kaplan's deep knowledge of public education; her demonstrated ability to make difficult decisions that affect our schools, education and our community; and her genuine concern for others, particularly our students, are hallmarks of her legacy to public education at the local, state and national levels. Therefore, it is appropriate that this School Board recognize her with a proclamation in her honor.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MICHAEL M. KROP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 04-49 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan for her 16 years of outstanding service on the Board and for her profound impact on all of the people of our community.

MK/jlm

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-49
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN FOR HER 16 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE ON THE BOARD AND FOR HER PROFOUND
IMPACT ON ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan was elected to the Miami-Dade County School Board in 1988 and served as its chair from 1993-1995; and

WHEREAS, after 16 years of distinguished service as a School Board member, one of the most noble of elected offices, she has decided not to seek reelection; and

WHEREAS, during her many years of service on the Board, Ms. Kaplan has contributed greatly to the health and well-being of the fourth-largest school district in the nation and, in particular, to the success of its nationally recognized arts program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kaplan has helped shape the future by challenging the Board to research, consider and act on issues of importance to students, employees and members of our community; and

WHEREAS, her exemplary leadership, her ability to take action when action is needed and her genuine concern for others, particularly our youth, has had a profound impact on our entire school system and on those who reap the benefits of what it has to offer; and

WHEREAS, it is certain that Ms. Kaplan's longstanding commitment to education, and ultimately to our community, will not fade when she leaves the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-49 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan for her 16 years of outstanding service on the Board and for her profound impact on all of the people of our community.

Presented this eighteenth day of August, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary