

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS NOS. 04-51 AND 04-52 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE AND AMBASSADOR PAUL L. CEJAS, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION PROCESS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Dr. Modesto A. Maidique, President of Florida International University, has long demonstrated his devotion to education through both the development of the university he leads as well as through his support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' initiatives. When the School Board determined it would conduct a national search for a new superintendent of schools, Dr. Maidique accepted an appointment to the committee and agreed to serve as the committee's chairperson. In leading the search committee, Dr. Maidique helped locate a search firm, listened to hours of input from community members and school district staff regarding what qualities and qualifications to seek in a superintendent, and oversaw applicant interviews and the ultimate process of selection.

Likewise, Ambassador Paul L. Cejas, former School Board member and chair, provided invaluable assistance as the superintendent search progressed. Through his personal resourcefulness, generosity of spirit and creativity, he was able to bring his expertise in reaching closure to contract negotiations, thereby assisting the School Board in securing its selection of superintendent of schools.

The school district was fortunate to have such dedicated leaders as Dr. Maidique and Ambassador Cejas involved in the important task of searching for and securing a new superintendent of schools. Therefore, it is appropriate for this School Board to recognize both of them with proclamations in their honor.

ACTION PROPOSED BY That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolutions Nos. 04-51 and 04-52 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Modesto A. Maidique and Ambassador Paul L. Cejas, respectively, for their assistance and contributions to the superintendent selection process.
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-51
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE FOR HIS ASSISTANCE
AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION
PROCESS**

WHEREAS, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique, President of Florida International University, is known throughout Miami-Dade County as a man of stature, a visionary leader in education and the epitome of an excellent university president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique demonstrated a continuing spirit of cooperation that this School Board has come to expect of him, by accepting the challenge of chairing the search committee charged with finding a new superintendent for Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique took on this important challenge with a deep sense of commitment, dedication and focus, organizing and chairing many meetings as well as expertly keeping the committee on task and on schedule; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique understands that strong schools and a strong foundation in education are important to building a strong community as well as to developing successful and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Modesto A. Maidique led the committee with confidence and competence, which resulted in the selection of a nationally recognized leader in education as superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-51 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Modesto A. Maidique for his assistance and contribution to the superintendent selection process.

Presented this eighth day of September, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-52
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR PAUL L. CEJAS FOR HIS ASSISTANCE
AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION
PROCESS**

WHEREAS, former Miami-Dade County School Board Member and Chair United States Ambassador Paul L. Cejas continues to demonstrate his ability to bring people together at local, state, national and international levels to accomplish goals that benefit others; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cejas, a man with focused vision, commitment and a deep concern for all people, continues to be passionate about education as well as the vibrancy and betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cejas, a successful entrepreneur and man of impeccable reputation for acting with intelligence and integrity, was instrumental in assisting the Board in securing a prominent educator to accept the superintendency of Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Cejas, through his continued good work and generosity, has touched the lives of many, and in particular, the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-52 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ambassador Paul L. Cejas for his assistance and contribution to the superintendent selection process.

Presented this eighth day of September, A.D. 2004

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