

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE TEACH FOR AMERICA WEEK, OCTOBER 25-29, 2004**

**COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Teach for America Week, October 25 - 29, 2004, is an annual event that draws leaders from all walks of life to spend an hour of their time teaching children growing up in some of our nation's lowest-income communities - from the South Bronx to the Mississippi Delta to East Los Angeles and now Miami. These leaders augment the efforts of the Teach for America corp members.

Scheduled to be the guest teacher/leaders in the Miami-Dade County district include: former Attorney General Janet Reno, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Mr. Carlos Migoya, Dr. Marvin Dunn, Judge Norman Gerstein, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and a representative from the Florida Marlins. These guests will be visiting classrooms of Teach for America corp members in the following Miami-Dade County public schools: Liberty City Elementary School, Holmes Elementary School, Madison Middle School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Miami Central Senior High School and North Miami Beach Senior High School. Although guest teacher/leaders may only spend a short time in a classroom, the impact of their visit resonates throughout the year and should encourage students to achieve academic success.

Teach for America is the national non-profit organization that recruits the nation's top college graduates who commit two years to teach in inner-city and under-resourced public schools and go on to become leaders at the forefront of the movement for educational equity. There are currently 95 Teach for America corp members teaching in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Teach for America Week, October 25-29, 2004.