

Betsy Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-57  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AHMAD NEWBOLD FOR  
HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN ORGANIZING  
REHEARSALS FOR MIAMI JACKSON SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL'S MARCHING BAND, THE MIAMI JACKSON  
GENERALS**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

When the director of Miami Jackson Senior High School's marching band, the Miami Jackson Generals, left for a job in another part of the state, 60 band members, including musicians and auxiliary performers, found themselves without a bandleader and with their summer rehearsals in jeopardy. So, student Drum Major Ahmad Newbold, with the support of involved parents, persuaded school leadership to allow him and dedicated alumni to lead rehearsals until a permanent band director could be found.

For three weeks, Ahmad organized rehearsals that allowed new and returning students to hone their music skills and to participate in exercise drills to increase their stamina, in preparation for the rigorous marching season ahead. By the time the new band director had arrived, the Generals had played three football game halftime shows, including one in which Drum Major Newbold led the band on the field.

As a result of Mr. Newbold's determination, hard work and skillful leadership, students were allowed to continue an important part of their music education, which is integral to their overall education. Therefore, it is appropriate for our School Board to recognize Ahmad for his dedication, determination and commitment, which serve as inspiration to us all.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
BETSY KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 04-57 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ahmad Newbold for his outstanding leadership in organizing rehearsals for Miami Jackson Senior High School's marching band, the Miami Jackson Generals.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING AHMAD NEWBOLD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN  
ORGANIZING REHEARSALS FOR MIAMI JACKSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S  
MARCHING BAND, THE MIAMI JACKSON GENERALS**

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad Newbold, the determined drum major for Miami Jackson Senior High School's outstanding marching band, the Miami Jackson Generals, demonstrated phenomenal determination in overcoming an obstacle that could have prevented the band from performing at its best this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of his resolve was proven when the band director vacated his position, which left 60 student musicians and auxiliary performers without leadership for summer band rehearsals; and

**WHEREAS**, to keep the band together, Ahmad, with the support of involved parents, persuaded school administrators to allow him and dedicated alumni to lead rehearsals until a permanent band director could be found; and

**WHEREAS**, for three weeks, Ahmad organized the rehearsals so that new and returning students could hone their music skills and participate in exercise drills to increase their stamina in preparation for the rigorous marching season ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his enthusiasm, hard work and skillful leadership, students were allowed to continue to experience the excitement of being an integral part of an outstanding marching band; and

**WHEREAS**, by the time a new music teacher had arrived, the band had played in three football game halftime shows, including one in which the band, led by Drum Major Newbold, took the field; and

**WHEREAS**, it is Miami Jackson's good fortune to have a young man of Ahmad Newbold's strong character among its students; and

**WHEREAS**, Ahmad's passion for music, as well as his maturity and his commitment to hard work, have won accolades from parents and the school's leadership, including the new band director;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-57 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ahmad Newbold for his outstanding leadership in organizing rehearsals for Miami Jackson Senior High School's marching band, the Miami Jackson Generals.

Presented this twentieth day of October, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary