

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-60
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING EDUCATOR, ACTRESS AND
MENTOR, TERESA MARIA ROJAS**

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Teresa Maria Rojas, founder and director of the Prometeo Theater Group at Miami-Dade College, has tirelessly devoted the past three decades to educating and mentoring new generations of actors, including actor/playwright Nilo Cruz. Cruz's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Anna in the Tropics*, is currently running at the Coconut Grove theater.

More than 900 students attend classes at the Prometeo Theater each year, where more than 100 plays have been performed. Many of her former students now grace artistic venues in South Florida and elsewhere, but probably none are as successful as Nilo Cruz, whom she mentored in his early days in the theatre.

Ms. Rojas, now acting in Cruz's award winning *Anna in the Tropics*, is earning rave reviews from critics who say that her performance "evolves, connects and communicates interpersonal history."

Ms. Rojas has contributed significantly to culture in Miami-Dade County, as well as elsewhere in the country. Therefore, it is fitting that our School Board recognize her with a proclamation in her honor.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 04-60 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring educator, actress and mentor, Teresa Maria Rojas.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-60
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING EDUCATOR, ACTRESS AND MENTOR,
TERESA MARIA ROJAS**

WHEREAS, Teresa Maria Rojas is the founder and director of the Prometeo Theater Group at Miami-Dade College; and

WHEREAS, she has tirelessly devoted three decades to educating and mentoring new generations of actors, including actor/playwright Nilo Cruz, whose Pulitzer Prize winning play *Anna in the Tropics*, is currently running at the Coconut Grove theater; and

WHEREAS, more than 900 students attend classes at the theater each year, where more than 100 plays have been performed; and

WHEREAS, many of the people Teresa Rojas has mentored now grace artistic venues in South Florida and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Maria Rojas is currently acting in Cruz's award winning play *Anna in the Tropics*, and she is getting rave reviews; and

WHEREAS, critics have said that her performance "evolves, connects and communicates interpersonal history," and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rojas not only is a fine actress, but has contributed significantly to culture in Miami-Dade County, as well as throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-60 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring educator, actress and mentor, Teresa Maria Rojas.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary