

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-05, RECOGNIZING MS. THELMA STINSON, PRINCIPAL OF LILLIE C. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE STAFF, PARENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL, FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN RAISING THE SCHOOL FROM AN "F" GRADED SCHOOL TO AN "A" GRADED SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

U.S. Representative Kendrick B. Meek recently paid tribute to Lillie C. Evans Elementary School Principal Thelma Stinson in the Congressional Record, and this will be immortalized in the U.S. Library of Congress. On January 26, 2005, he honored her with a copy of this tribute, which he presented to her at the school.

Congressman Meek describes how Ms. Stinson took the helm of the perennially F-graded school in 1999, and taking the challenge of raising the achievement levels, successfully steered Lillie C. Evans Elementary School to an "A" grade in 2003-2004.

With her personal touch and no-nonsense approach, Ms. Stinson assembled a dedicated group of staff and faculty, as well as a motivated support system of parents and community leaders. By implementing a manageable classroom size and solid classroom management, Ms Stinson afforded her teachers with the opportunity to devote more time to each student's learning needs, and thereby, enabling them to teach each child accordingly.

Congressman Meek makes further note of Ms. Stinson's and her highly motivated faculty's bridging the gap between school and home by ensuring that their students' parents are also schooled in the basic skills of reading, math and science through regular sessions at night.

Ms. Stinson has demonstrated that excellence and achievement are never beyond the reach of those willing to make the sacrifice and dare the impossible on behalf of tomorrow's leaders.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-05 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Thelma Stinson, Principal of Lillie C. Evans Elementary School, and the staff, parents and students from the school, for achievements in raising the school from an "F" graded school to an "A" graded school.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-05
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. THELMA STINSON, PRINCIPAL OF
LILLIE C. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE STAFF, PARENTS AND STUDENTS
FROM THE SCHOOL, FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN RAISING THE SCHOOL FROM AN
“F” GRADED SCHOOL TO AN “A” GRADED SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Ms. Thelma Stinson became principal of the perennially “F” graded Lillie C. Evans Elementary School in 1999, and successfully steered the school toward an “A” grade in 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stinson’s personal touch and no-nonsense approach enabled her to assemble a dedicated group of staff and teachers, and a well-motivated support system of parents and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, by implementing a manageable size and solid management for classrooms, Ms. Stinson afforded her teachers with the opportunity to devote more time to each student’s learning needs, thereby enabling them to teach each child effectively; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stinson also has bridged the gap between school and home by ensuring that her students’ parents are schooled in the basic skills of reading, math and science through regular sessions at night; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stinson has demonstrated that excellence and achievement are never beyond the reach of those willing to make the sacrifice and dare the impossible on behalf of tomorrow’s leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-05 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Thelma Stinson, Principal of Lillie C. Evans Elementary School, and the staff, parents and students from the school, for achievements in raising the school from an “F” graded school to an “A” graded school.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this sixteenth day of February, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY