

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-16, RECOGNIZING MRS. EVA HERNANDEZ AS RECIPIENT OF THE MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In 1985, education pioneer Lowell Milken conceived and created the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program to provide public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary schoolteachers, principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching.

Mrs. Eva Hernandez, a kindergarten teacher at Mae M. Walters Elementary School, recently was named a recipient of the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Mrs. Hernandez excels in her professional responsibility of teaching kindergarten students. She promotes critical thinking throughout her coursework. She uses hands-on activities in science and math and incorporates cooperative learning in math as a motivational tool. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, she mentors new teachers, offers parent workshops, and teaches Saturday and after-school programs. She is one of 100 teachers nationwide to receive the coveted award this year.

Milken Educators receive an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 and professional development opportunities, as well as public recognition. Candidates are selected based on outstanding instructional classroom, school and professional practices, strong professional and policy leadership potential, and inspiring motivational impact on students, colleagues and community.

Mrs. Hernandez, a National Board Certified Teacher and 2004 Teacher of the Year, 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

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-16, recognizing Mrs. Eva Hernandez, as recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-16
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MRS. EVA HERNANDEZ AS RECIPIENT OF THE MILKEN
FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

WHEREAS, Mrs. Eva Hernandez, a kindergarten teacher at Mae M. Walters Elementary School, recently was named a recipient of the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, which honors elementary and secondary schoolteachers and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hernandez promotes critical thinking and hands-on activities, and incorporates cooperative learning as a motivational tool. Additionally, she mentors new teachers, offers parent workshops, and teaches Saturday and after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award selects recipients based on their outstanding instructional classroom, school and professional practices, strong professional and policy leadership potential, and inspiring motivational impact on students, colleagues and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-16 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mrs. Eva Hernandez as recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY