

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1995 AS AN EXPANSION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In April 1995, the 500 Role Models of Excellence Project was established in Pinellas County, Florida to intervene in the lives of at-risk boys and provide them with alternatives to lead them away from lives of crime and violence. Today, Pinellas County has 700 boys in the project and serves more than 40 elementary, middle and senior high schools.

As part of the Pinellas Project's official induction into the Role Models' family, more than 100 of its participants will attend a Miami-Dade 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Tie-tying ceremony at Miami Carol City Senior High School on May 10, 2006.

Since 1993, more than 6000 volunteers have committed to serve as mentors of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project. The Project's mission is to guide minority boys along a carefully chartered path to manhood and higher education. The M-DCPS 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project includes 89 elementary, middle and senior high schools and has awarded more than \$1 million in renewable scholarships to eligible participants.

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project continues to provide generous support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its students. It clearly deserves recognition for its expansion and valuable contributions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the Pinellas County Chapter that was established in 1995 as an expansion of Miami-Dade County Public Schools 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.