

Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-39 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE R.A.C.E. FOR LITERACY PROGRAM AT SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS AN INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND READING BOOSTER

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

What started as a mother's desire to help her busy student athlete son meet Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) community service graduation requirement turned into a win-win situation for older and younger students alike.

Marion Chase and her son Nicholas Evan, an avid reader and student athlete at South Miami Senior High School, developed Real Athletes Care About Education (R.A.C.E.) to give community service its proper perspective in the often-hectic world of high school student athletes who strive to excel in the classroom and on the playing field. } REV EI

The Chase's thought that if each student athlete could find new books to give to younger students then a good deed could promote reading as well. After several meetings with school administrators and coaches, the R.A.C.E. for Literacy Program got an enthusiastic go ahead, and today more than 500 new books have been donated.

The student athletes gave these new books to students at South Miami and Coral Terrace elementary schools, and scheduled time to read these books to the children at the schools and community events such as "Be A Street Smart Kid". Much goodwill and many smiles were garnered from these simple acts of giving and sharing. The R.A.C.E. for Literacy Program is an innovative, grassroots success story that is worthy of replication in other M-DCPS senior high schools. } REV EI

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 06-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the R.A.C.E. for Literacy Program at South Miami Senior High School as an innovative community service and reading booster.

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RESOLUTION NO. 06-39
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE R.A.C.E. FOR LITERACY PROGRAM AT SOUTH MIAMI
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS AN INNOVATIVE
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND READING BOOSTER

WHEREAS, a simple desire to help students participate in community service projects turned an idea into a win-win situation for older and younger students alike; and

WHEREAS, Marion Chase and her son Nicholas Evan, an avid reader and student athlete at South Miami Senior High School developed Real Athletes Care About Education (R.A.C.E.) to give community service its proper perspective in the often-hectic world of high school student athletes who strive to excel on the classroom and on the playing field; and } REVISER

WHEREAS, R.A.C.E. for Literacy student athlete volunteers find donors of new books then give them to younger students; and

WHEREAS, R.A.C.E. for Literacy student athlete volunteers visit elementary schools and community events such as "Be A Street Smart Kid" to read these new books to students; and } REVISER

WHEREAS, good will, miles and reading encourage are results of the R.A.C.E. for Literacy Program, a program worth of replication to other high schools in Miami-Dade County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 06-39 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the R.A.C.E. for Literacy Program at South Miami Senior High School as an innovative community service and reading booster.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of June, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary