

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-44 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT ON THEIR FIRST NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On June 20, 2006, the Miami Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks to give the team and the South Florida community our first NBA Championship. The Heat's win was especially satisfying because it rewarded the team not only for its prowess on the court but also for its values of hard work, camaraderie, fair play and commitment to excellence that have been the hallmarks of the Heat's success both on and off the court throughout the team's 18-year history in our community. For this, as well as for the Heat's longstanding partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is fitting that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulate Coach Pat Riley, our own 1) Udonis Haslem, who attended Miami High School; 2) Shaquille O'Neal; 3) Dwyane Wade; 4) Alonzo Mourning; 5) Derek Anderson; 6) Shandon Anderson; 7) Earl Barron; 8) Michael Doleac; 9) Jason Kapon; 10) Gary Payton; 11) James Posey; 12) Wayne Simien; 13) Antoine Walker; 14) Jason Williams; and 15) Dorell Wright—FIFTEEN STRONG—and thank the Heat with this resolution.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 06-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating the Miami Heat for its first NBA Championship and thanking the team for its longstanding commitment to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT FOR ITS FIRST NBA CHAMPIONSHIP AND THANKING
THE TEAM FOR ITS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, during its 18 years in South Florida, the Miami Heat has served as an example of hope, hard work and perseverance for its legions of fans; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2006, under the leadership of Coach Pat Riley, that same hope, hard work and perseverance paid off when the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks to bring the team and our entire community our first NBA Championship; and

WHEREAS, the heart and commitment, 15 strong, that the Heat displayed on the court during the NBA finals is the same heart and commitment that the team has given to our community, especially the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, over the last 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Heat organization, Coach Pat Riley, and a number of individual Heat players—our own 1) Udonis Haslem, who attended Miami High School; 2) Shaquille O’Neal; 3) Dwyane Wade; 4) Alonzo Mourning; 5) Derek Anderson; 6) Shandon Anderson; 7) Earl Barron; 8) Michael Doleac; 9) Jason Kapon; 10) Gary Payton; 11) James Posey; 12) Wayne Simien; 13) Antoine Walker; 14) Jason Williams; and 15) Dorell Wright—have donated their time and talent in support of such Miami-Dade County Public Schools initiatives as the Heat Academy after-school program, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, and the Dade Partners program; and

WHEREAS, the students, parents, employees and friends of Miami-Dade County Public Schools are proud and grateful for the Heat’s success in every arena of life in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 06-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating the Miami Heat for its first NBA Championship and thanking the team for its longstanding commitment to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of July, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY