

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-01 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JANUARY 18, 2007 AS “EL DÍA DE RUBEN
DARÍO” FOR ALL HIS CONTRIBUTIONS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Because his literary works contributed to the revival of the Spanish language, Ruben Darío is recognized as the “Father of Modernismo.” Great literary writers during his time and thereafter, referred to Ruben Darío as the “Prince of Spanish Literature.” His leadership of several literary movements in Nicaragua, Chile, Spain and Argentina reinforced his role in re-shaping the Spanish language. The Modernismo movement led a recapitulation of three movements in Europe: Romanticism, Symbolism, and Parnasianismo. These movements encompassed passion, visual art, harmonies, and rhythms with music.

Born in Metapa, Nicaragua, Darío’s childhood was filled with difficult economic and personal challenges. Yet, from an early age, Darío displayed much talent, gaining a reputation as “the Poet Child.” A world-traveler, Darío possessed a vast knowledge of people’s attitudes and customs, especially of the Hispanic world.

Darío was responsible for many exquisite literary works that enriched the Spanish language and gave poetry new life. The Nicaraguan poet championed issues affecting the Western Hemisphere and its people and is recognized as a champion of the Spanish word. Ratification of this resolution, to recognize January 18, 2007, as “El Día de Ruben Darío,” will prompt the interest of all students and especially of Nicaraguan-American students to recognize Darío’s talents and contributions to the Spanish language and culture.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing January 18, 2007, as “El Día de Ruben Darío” for all his contributions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-01
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
JANUARY 18, 2007, AS "EL DÍA DE RUBEN DARÍO" FOR ALL HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS**

WHEREAS, January 18th marks the 140th birthday of Ruben Dario, the author of literary works that contributed to the revival of the Spanish language, recognizing him as the "Father of Modernismo;" and

WHEREAS, Dario's leadership of several literary movements in Nicaragua, Chile, Spain and Argentina reinforced his role in re-shaping the Spanish language and led to the recapitulation of three movements in Europe: Romanticism, Symbolism, and Parnasianismo; and

WHEREAS, Darío, born in Metapa, Nicaragua, represented the best personal values and qualities, even as his childhood was filled with difficult economic and personal hardships; and

WHEREAS, Darío, displaying much talent at an early age, wrote and published several poems at the age of twelve and became known as "El Niño Poeta;" and

WHEREAS, Darío was responsible for many exquisite literary works that enriched the Spanish language and gave poetry new life.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County recognizes January 18, 2007, as "El Día de Ruben Darío" for all his contributions.

Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY