

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-68
 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD B. BULLARD FOR HIS
 COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-
 DADE COUNTY AND TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE
 COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Representative Edward B. "Ed" Bullard has worked for Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 33 years and has served as a teacher and school administrator. Representative Bullard continues to be a strong advocate for educational initiatives as a state representative. He was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in the year 2000 where he has concentrated on issues that relate to youth, families, and public education.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-68 honoring Representative Edward B. Bullard for his commitment and dedication to the residents of Miami-Dade County and to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 06-68
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD B. BULLARD FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND
DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Edward Bullard was born in the Bahamas on November 28, 1943, and migrated to Richmond Heights, Florida, in 1954, in which area he has lived since his arrival in the United States. This Caribbean heritage has fostered a strong desire within him to develop and empower the community; and

WHEREAS, as it is understood by those who know him that family comes first, Edward married Larcenia J. Bullard, who later became the first woman elected from her district to the Florida House of Representatives and subsequently as State Senator, and he became a devoted father of four, Dwight, Edwinalynn, Deneen, and Vincent, who have followed their parents' example of excellence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, as it is further understood that he loves people and acknowledges all people regardless of status, Edward served as a paper boy in his youth and enjoyed speaking with the elders, many of whose children and grandchildren he has taught or given guidance to as a teacher or served as their representative in the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, with a heart to serve and protect the community, Edward served tours in the United States Army stateside and abroad from 1966 to his honorable discharge in 1969, from which his wife refers to him as "still water" and salutes him as a gentleman, and after which he served as a probation and parole official with jurisdiction from Flagler Street to Homestead/Florida City; and

WHEREAS, as one who believes in education and using his knowledge to empower others, Edward attended Florida A&M University and earned his Bachelor of Science in 1972 and his Master of Science Degree in 1977, and earned a Master of Science Degree from Nova University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, as an educator who fought and continues to fight for educational initiatives, Edward joined the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for 33 years served as a teacher and school administrator, as a State of Florida Master Teacher, and as a visiting teacher who counseled parents and their children beyond the call of duty and exceeded his job expectations; and

WHEREAS, as a tireless public servant, in the year 2000, Edward was first elected to the House of Representatives, where he has served three terms, and, due to term limits, has entered his fourth and last term of office, and where as a State Representative he concentrated on issues in the Florida Legislature that would help youth, families, and education and would bring funding to his district to ensure that prevention programs continued to exist; and

WHEREAS, by sharing his time and talents in numerous humanitarian and community endeavors, Edward has made significant contributions to his community as President and President Emeritus of the Homestead-Florida City Democratic Club; as board member of the Zoological Society, Friends of Florida Park System, and Community Concert Association; and through affiliations, including 5000 Role Models of Excellence, American Legion Post 182, Collegian Club, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Democratic Power, Elks Lodge 1078, FAMU Alumni Association, Florida Association of Alternative School Educators, Kappa Alpha

Psi Fraternity, Inc., King of Clubs, Miami-Dade County Democratic Club, life member of NAACP, Richmond Heights Crime Watch, Richmond Heights Homeowners Association, The American Federation of School Administrators, and Vestry Member of Church of Ascension; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County recognizes the distinguished service that Representative Bullard has provided, as a man not limited by job description or social position, to the citizens of Miami-Dade County and to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and wishes him and his family continued success in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 06-xx of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Representative Edward B. Bullard for his commitment and dedication 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 seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY