

Agustin J. Barrera, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-53 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DR. ROBERT BERNARD INGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES

On September 5, 2007, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools family and the South Florida community lost a great man and community leader when School Board Member Dr. Robert B. Ingram passed away.

Dr. Robert B. Ingram was first elected to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida in November 1998. An advocate for children and public education, Dr. Ingram was a man of uncompromised character and integrity who demonstrated, through personal example, the importance of service and sacrifice to others. In addition to being a School Board Member, Dr. Ingram served his community in various other capacities, including Chief of Police and later Mayor of Opa-locka and as pastor of Mount Zion AME Church.

Dr. Ingram was a prolific and dynamic orator, who inspired countless children and adults with his moving and thought-provoking speeches. The students and faculty of Florida Memorial University benefited from his tenure at the school as a professor and Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs.

Demonstrating a strong ability to maintain and strengthen relationships with a wide range of constituents, Dr. Ingram was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Non-Violence, where he served as Chair. Having been the first African-American police officer to be assigned to the all white section of downtown Miami, Dr. Ingram was instrumental in fostering positive race relations.

Dr. Ingram's passion for education, his commitment to excellence and his enthusiasm for civic and community involvement serve as a lasting memorial of his legacy and his love for the community.

A copy of Resolution No. 07-53 was presented to Dr. Ingram's family at the memorial service held in his honor on September 14, 2007, with the understanding that a formal approval of the resolution would be requested at the next regular Board meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY:
MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-53 honoring the life and legacy of School Board Member Dr. Robert Bernard Ingram.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-53 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
DR. ROBERT BERNARD INGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Honorable Dr. Robert Bernard Ingram was first elected to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in November 1998, and faithfully served with honor and grace until his passing on September 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram was a man of uncompromised character and integrity who demonstrated, through personal example, the importance of service and sacrifice to others; and

WHEREAS, through his many civic and community affiliations, Dr. Ingram profoundly impacted the lives of men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram was a leader among leaders as demonstrated through his calling as pastor of Mount Zion AME Church and his work as Chief of Police and later Mayor of the City of Opa-locka; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram, a prolific and dynamic orator, inspired countless children and adults with his moving and thought-provoking speeches; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Delores, two loving daughters Tamara and Tirzah and several grandchildren and family members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram's passion for education, his commitment to excellence and his enthusiasm for civic and community involvement serve as a lasting memorial of his legacy and his love for the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, effective October 17, 2007, approve Resolution No. 07-53, honoring the life and legacy of School Board Member Dr. Robert Bernard Ingram.

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

**A copy of this Resolution was presented on the fourteenth day of September, A.D. 2007,
and the
original was presented on the seventeenth day of October, A.D. 2007.**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY