

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: DEVON AIRE K-8 CENTER HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH STATE ESSAY WINNERS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC
STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS**

Governor Charlie Crist's Inaugural Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This year's student essays addressed the future of the Hispanic community in Florida using the topic for the essays for Hispanic Heritage Month, "Florida: A Tapestry of Cultures," at the Governor's Mansion.

"Much of Florida's economic and cultural strength comes through our state's Hispanic community, and throughout Hispanic Heritage Month we have celebrated that strength," Governor Crist said. "I applaud all contest participants for sharing their talents, insight and experience and congratulate this year's winners."

Current and former Devon Aire K-8 Center students from Ms. Barbara B. Stern's 5th grade gifted class achieved top honors in the statewide essay contest for two consecutive years. This year Devon Aire K-8 Center student Gladys Levy is one of three statewide essay winners who will receive a four-year full tuition scholarship to a Florida state college or university of her choice and a laptop computer. Last year's 1st place winner, Alexis Kovacs-Warnack also received a four-year full tuition scholarship to a Florida state college or university of her choice and a laptop computer. Additionally, last year's third place winner Cristine Hamilton won a gift certificate for Best Buy.

Ms. Stern, Gladys Levy, Alexis Kovacs-Warnack, and Cristine Hamilton are to be congratulated for their academic achievement, perseverance and hard work.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 07-64 recognizing the outstanding academic achievement of three Devon Aire K-8 Center students and their 5th grade teacher Ms. Barbara Stern.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-64
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THREE
DEVON AIRE K-8 CENTER STUDENTS AND THEIR 5TH GRADE TEACHER**

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist's Inaugural Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, this year's student essays addressed the future of the Hispanic community in Florida; and

WHEREAS, current and former Devon Aire K-8 Center students from Ms. Barbara B. Stern's 5th grade gifted class achieved top honors in the statewide essay contest for two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, this year, Devon Aire K-8 student Gladys Levy is one of three statewide essay winners who will receive a four-year full tuition scholarship to a Florida state college or university of her choice and a laptop computer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stern, essay winner Gladys Levy and Devon Aire K-8 students Alexis Kovacs-Warnack, and Cristine Hamilton are to be congratulated for their academic achievement, perseverance and hard work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-64 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the outstanding academic achievement of three Devon Aire K-8 Center students and their 5th grade teacher.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of December, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY