

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-01 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

**COMMITTEE:             INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

On December 15, 2007, the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando played host to the Dodge Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 6A football finals. The FHSAA Class 6A football championship game, televised live on the Florida Sports Network, featured the Miami Northwestern (MNW) Senior High School Bulls and the William R. Boone (Boone) Senior High School Braves football teams.

MNW Head Football Coach William "Billy" Rolle, a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and senior quarterback Jacory Harris led the Miami Northwestern Bulls to a 41-0 victory over the Boone Braves before a stadium crowd of more than 20,000 students, parents, and community supporters from both teams. The victory over Boone secured Miami Northwestern's ranking as the No. 1 high school football team in the nation, and also gave the team its 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive win, a Miami-Dade record.

Following the game, two Miami Northwestern football players were recognized for their leadership and pursuit of excellence. Senior offensive lineman Vincent Marshall was honored with the Jr. Orange Bowl Scholar Athlete Award and senior Terrel Killings, also an offensive lineman, was feted with the U.S. Marine, Honor Courage and Commitment Award.

Additionally, defensive tackle Marcus Forston was named Most Valuable Player of the championship game, and Miami Northwestern was named the #1 high school football team in the nation by USA Today. Jacory Harris was named Player of the Year by FloridaFootball.com and Coach William "Billy" Rolle was named National High School Coach of the Year by American Football Monthly.

The members of Miami Northwestern's football team have demonstrated incredible athletic ability and a dedication to work as a unit to achieve team goals. Individually and collectively they possess the qualities of perseverance, cooperation, sportsmanship, integrity, and determination. Equally important is each player's commitment to being students first and athletes second.

Principal Charles Hankerson, athletic director Earl Allick, Coach William "Billy" Rolle, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School football team are to be congratulated for an exemplary season and for their championship performance both on and off the field.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-01, recognizing the Miami Northwestern Senior High School football team for their championship performance on and off the field.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-01 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR  
THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2007, the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando played host to the Dodge Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 6A football finals, which was televised live on the Florida Sports Network and featured the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Bulls and the William R. Boone Senior High School Braves football teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Northwestern Head Football Coach William "Billy" Rolle, a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and senior quarterback Jacory Harris led the Miami Northwestern Bulls to a 41-0 victory over the Boone Braves before a stadium crowd of more than 20,000 students, parents, and community supporters from both teams, securing Miami Northwestern's ranking as the No. 1 high school football team in the nation, and giving the team its 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive win, a Miami-Dade record; and

**WHEREAS**, following the game, two Miami Northwestern football players were recognized for their leadership and pursuit of excellence. Senior offensive lineman Vincent Marshall was honored with the Jr. Orange Bowl Scholar Athlete Award and senior Terrel Killings, also an offensive lineman, was feted with the U.S. Marine, Honor Courage and Commitment Award; and

**WHEREAS**, defensive tackle Marcus Forston was named Most Valuable Player of the championship game, and Miami Northwestern was named the #1 high school football team in the nation by USA Today. Jacory Harris was named Player of the Year by FloridaFootball.com and Coach William "Billy" Rolle was named National High School Coach of the Year by American Football Monthly; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of Miami Northwestern's football team have demonstrated incredible athletic ability and a dedication to work as a unit to achieve team goals. Individually and collectively they possess the qualities of perseverance, cooperation, sportsmanship, integrity, and determination. Equally important is each player's commitment to being scholars first and athletes second; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal Charles Hankerson, Athletic Director Earl Allick, Coach William "Billy" Rolle, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School football team are to be congratulated for an exemplary season and for their championship performance both on and off the field.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-01 recognizing the Miami Northwestern Senior High School football team for their championship performance on and off the field.

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2008**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY