

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-02 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON 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 4A football finals. The FHSAA Class 4A football championship game, televised live on the Florida Sports Network, featured the Booker T. Washington Senior High School Tornadoes and Nease Senior High School Panthers football teams.

Booker T. Washington Head Football Coach Tim Harris, a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, senior defensive back Brandon Harris, along with starting quarterback Torrance Moise, led the Tornadoes to a 23-15 victory over Nease before a stadium crowd of more than 10,000 students, parents, and community supporters from both teams. The victory over Nease secured Booker T. Washington's ranking as the No. 4 high school football team in the nation, according to ESPN, closing out a perfect season for the team.

Two Booker T. Washington football players were recognized for their leadership and pursuit of excellence. Senior linebacker Winston Fraser was honored with the Jr. Orange Bowl Scholar Athlete Award and senior defensive back Brandon Harris was feted with the U.S. Marine, Honor Courage and Commitment Award.

Following the game, two Booker T. Washington players were honored with awards on the field. Eduardo Clements received two awards: Miami Dolphin Athlete of the Week and Most Valuable Player for the game. Brandon Harris also received four additional awards: RISE National First Team All-American Award, Fellowship Christian Athlete of the Year, Florida Varsity 4-A Athlete of the Year, and Runner-up for All-State Athlete of the Year. Additionally, Coach Tim Harris was named Coach of the Year by USA Today.

The members of Booker T. Washington'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 Regina Lowe-Smith, athletic director Lisa Starks, Coach Tim Harris, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Booker T. Washington 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. 08-02, recognizing the Booker T. Washington Senior High School football team for their championship performance on and off the field.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-02 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON 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 4A football finals, which was televised live on the Florida Sports Network and featured the Booker T. Washington Senior High School Tornadoes and the Nease Senior High School Panthers football teams; and

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington Head Football Coach Tim Harris, a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, senior defensive back Brandon Harris, along with starting quarterback Torrance Moise, led the Tornadoes to a 23-15 victory over Nease before a stadium crowd of more than 10,000 students, parents, and community supporters from both teams. The victory over Nease secured Booker T. Washington's ranking as the No. 4 high school football team in the nation, according to ESPN, closing out a perfect season for the team; and

WHEREAS, two Booker T. Washington football players were recognized for their leadership and pursuit of excellence. Senior linebacker Winston Fraser was honored with the Jr. Orange Bowl Scholar Athlete Award and senior defensive back Brandon Harris was feted with the U.S. Marine, Honor Courage and Commitment Award; and

WHEREAS, following the game, two Booker T. Washington players were honored with awards on the field. Eduardo Clements received two awards: Miami Dolphin Athlete of the Week and Most Valuable Player for the game. Brandon Harris also received four additional awards: RISE National First Team All-American Award, Fellowship Christian Athlete of the Year, Florida Varsity 4A Athlete of the Year, and Runner-up for All-State Athlete of the Year. Additionally, Coach Tim Harris was named Coach of the Year by USA Today; and

WHEREAS, the members of Booker T. Washington'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; and

WHEREAS, Principal Regina Lowe-Smith, Athletic Director Lisa Starks, Coach Tim Harris, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Booker T. Washington 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. 08-02 recognizing the Booker T. Washington 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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY