

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-31 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI NORLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS FOR THEIR SECOND 6A STATE BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

For the second time in three years the Miami Norland Senior High School Vikings have won the 6A state boys basketball championship. The team is recognized as one of the hardest working group of young athletes to play for the school.

Because the Vikings were not the favorite to win the final match up, Coach Lawton Williams III told his boys to "seize the moment," and remember that not many people get this opportunity. The determined players listened to their coach and rallied to a 59 to 54 victory against the nationally ranked Lauderdale Lakes Boyd Anderson Cobras. The game marked the fourth time in 86 years that high school basketball teams from Miami-Dade and Broward counties competed in a championship game.

Although victory was theirs, the players had to give their all to achieve it. During the second quarter of the championship game the Vikings had fallen behind by 14 points. Coach Williams verbally challenged his three senior veterans Amir Celestine, Antonio Hester and Jerry Jones to lead the team back. The three players met the challenge with Celestine scoring 13 straight points and connecting on three three-pointers in the third quarter. Celestine, Jones, Tony Mincy, Andre Jackson and Anthony Jervis combined efforts to make 12 of the team's final 13 free throws to seal the win. Celestine finished the game with a game-high 18 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-31 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating the Miami Norland Senior High School Vikings for their outstanding sportsmanship in winning their second 6A State Boys Basketball Championship in three years.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING THE
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WHEREAS, for the second time in three years the Miami Norland Senior High School Vikings have won the 6A state boys basketball championship; and

WHEREAS, the Vikings are recognized as some of the hardest working young athletes to play for the school; and

WHEREAS, although the Vikings were not the favorite to win, Coach Lawton Williams III told his boys to "seize the moment," and remember that not many people get this opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the determined players listened to their coach and rallied to a 59 to 54 victory against the nationally ranked Lauderdale Lakes Boyd Anderson Cobras.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County congratulate the Miami Norland Senior High School Vikings for their second 6A state boys basketball championship in three years this twelfth day of March, 2008.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY