

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-25 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Holding a remarkable 55-2-2 record for the past two years, the Felix Varela Senior High School boys' soccer team was recently ranked the No.1 high school soccer team in the country by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). The national ranking comes just days after the team defeated the Cypress Bay Senior High School boys' soccer team to clinch the Class 6A state finals championship. The team boasts back-to-back Florida Class 6A State Championships, which places them among Dade's all-time best.

Led by former Miami FC soccer player and Head Coach Luchi Gonzalez, the Varela boys' soccer team includes a number of standout players who have excelled in the classroom and on the field. Among those players are center back Kevin Ante, who was selected to the NSCAA High School All-American Team; forward Luiz Yamashita, who led the team in scoring with 29 goals and 9 assists, and midfielder Christian Ospina who is the team's second leading goal scorer.

Principal Luz Navarro, Athletic Director Andy Chiles, Head Coach Luchi Gonzalez, the coaching staff and players are to be commended for their perseverance, skill and sportsmanship in representing their school and community at the highest levels of high school athletics.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-25, recognizing the Felix Varela Senior High School soccer team for their championship performance.

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FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
TEAM FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, the Felix Varela Senior High School boys' soccer team has held a 55-2-2 record for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, recently ranked the No. 1 high school soccer team in the country by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the Varela boys' soccer team recently defeated the Cypress Bay Senior High School boys' soccer team to clinch the Class 6A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Varela boys' soccer team has won back-to-back state championships, placing them among Dade's all-time best; and

WHEREAS, some of the team's standout players include center back and high school All-American Kevin Ante, forward Luiz Yamashita, and midfielder Christian Ospina; and

WHEREAS, the Felix Varela's principal Luz Navarro, Head Coach Luchi Gonzalez, Athletic Director Andy Chiles, the coaching staff and players are to be commended for their perseverance, skill and sportsmanship in representing their school and community at the highest levels of high school athletics;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-25 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Felix Varela Senior High School soccer team for their championship performance.

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