

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-49 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR THEIR CLASS 3A FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOPING OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

South Dade Senior High School won their 8<sup>th</sup> Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) State Wrestling Title in the last 13 years. South Dade beat their closest competitor by 78 points, scoring the most points ever in a Class 3A FHSAA State Championship. South Dade wrestling is Miami's most winning wrestling program with eight state titles and the second most winning program in Florida's history with 41 individual state champions. Recognizing South Dade Senior High School's wrestling team as the only 2008 nationally ranked team in the state of Florida.

The team was led by and Head Coach Victor Balmececa. With an overall coaching record of 169 wins and 11 loses. Former South Dade State Champion, Assistant Coach Alex Hernandez and State Runner-Up, Assistant Coach Humberto Reyna, The South Dade team includes a number of exceptional wrestlers who have excelled in the classroom and in their sport. Among those wrestlers are three time state champion Tico Baez, who has 114 consecutive wins for a two year winning streak. Two time state champions James Williams and Shakendrick Sanders and six other state place winners that represented the South Dade team.

Principal Alicia Hidalgo, Athletic Director Joel Furnari, Head Coach Victor Balmececa, the coaching staff and players are to be commended for their perseverance, dedication, skill, and sportsmanship in representing their school and community at the highest levels of high school athletics.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-49, recognizing South Dade Senior High wrestling team for their Class 3A FHSAA State Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO 08-49 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING  
TEAM FOR THIS CLASS 3A FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade Senior High School wrestling team has held a 48-0 Dual Meet record for the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, recently ranked in the top 40 the nation, the only Florida team ranked by Wrestling USA Magazine, the South Dade wrestling team recently won the FHSAA Class 3A State Championship, establishing the largest margin of victory in 3A State Championship History; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade wrestling team has won eight team state championships and 41 individual state champions, placing them as the leading program in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the team's standout players include Tico Baez, James Williams, Shakendrick Sanders, Wilson Mettellus; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade Principal Alicia Hidlago, Head Coach Victor Balmececa, Athletic Director Joel Furnari, the coaching staff and players are to be commended for their perseverance, dedication, 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. 08-49 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Dade Senior High School wrestling team for their Class 3A FHSAA State Championship.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of April, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary