

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-99 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT DANIEL SHEIKH, SECOND PLACE WINNER OF THE CERVANTES OUTSTANDING STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST AND HIS TEACHER LILIA FERNANDEZ

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND ECONOMY

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services sponsors The Cervantes Awards to recognize public and private school educators who make significant contributions in educating Hispanic students in Miami-Dade County. Students are recognized through The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest.

The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest challenges students to write an essay pertaining to Hispanic culture. Essays are submitted from across Miami-Dade County and judged by a panel. First, second and third place prizes are awarded in three categories of elementary, middle and high school. The second place recipient of The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest at the elementary level was Daniel Sheikh, fifth-grade student at Calusa Elementary School. He was brought up in a multicultural environment with a mother from Peru and a father from India. Daniel is an excellent, outgoing student who loves math, reading, writing stories and playing sports.

Lilia Fernandez is a 32-year veteran educator with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. For more than two decades, she has taught at Calusa Elementary where she was named 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Fernandez is a member of the Foreign Language Association, National Association of Bilingual Educators, Association of Hispanic Educators of Dade and the Dade Reading Council.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-99 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School student Daniel Sheikh, second place winner of The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest winner and his teacher Lilia Fernandez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-99
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT
DANIEL SHEIKH, SECOND PLACE WINNER OF
THE CERVANTES OUTSTANDING STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST
AND HIS TEACHER LILIA FERNANDEZ**

WHEREAS, The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest challenges students to write an essay pertaining to Hispanic culture; and

WHEREAS, the second place winner of The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest at the elementary school level was Daniel Sheikh, fifth-grade student at Calusa Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Daniel was brought up in a multicultural environment with a mother from Peru and a father from India; and

WHEREAS, Lilia Fernandez is a 32-year veteran educator with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and has taught at Calusa Elementary for more than two decades where she was named 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fernandez is a member of the Foreign Language Association, National Association of Bilingual Educators, Association of Hispanic Educators of Dade and the Dade Reading Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-99 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School student Daniel Sheikh, second place winner of The Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest and his teacher Lilia Fernandez.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of November, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary