

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-35 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OF MS. MARINA ESTEVA'S CLASS AT SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN WORLD MATH DAY 2009

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

World Math Day was celebrated on March 4, 2009, with the participation of millions of students from over 200 countries worldwide. It is one of the world's largest global educational events, aiming to lift math literacy standards. Students compete online against students of a similar level or against a computer. In each game, students have one minute to answer as many questions as they can in the categories of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The game is automatically lost by getting three incorrect answers.

World Math Day is a two-day long event in which students can participate during classroom time or from home. It starts in New Zealand at 12:00 a.m. on March 4, 2009 and ends in Samoa at 12:00 a.m. the following day.

The fifth grade students of Mrs. Marina Esteva's class at Sweetwater Elementary brought honor and distinction to their school, the District, and their country, by earning third place in the Middle School category, ages 8 to 11, by answering an amazing 400,764 questions. Additionally, their outstanding achievement earned them the NUMBER ONE spot in the United States.

On this proud day we salute the bright young minds who worked hard to prepare for the event, as well as the parents who encouraged and helped them to achieve their goals. Ms. Esteva deserves equal recognition for her part in fostering a love of learning and challenging her students to engage in a global competition.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-35 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the fifth grade students of Ms. Marina Esteva's class at Sweetwater Elementary for their outstanding achievement on World Math Day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-35
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH-GRADE STUDENTS OF MS. MARINA ESTEVA'S CLASS AT
SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE
DURING WORLD MATH DAY 2009**

WHEREAS, World Math Day began in 2007 and is one of the world's largest global education events aiming to lift numeracy standards in a fun and meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, students from five to 18 years of age from over 200 countries correctly answered a staggering 452,682,682 mathematics questions; and

WHEREAS, fifth-grade Sweetwater Elementary School students in Ms. Marina Esteva's class correctly answered 400,764 questions during the World Math Day 2009 competition; and

WHEREAS, because of their commitment to academic excellence, 22 students from Sweetwater Elementary School earned third place in the world and first place in the United States mathematics competition categories; and

WHEREAS, the students, parents, and teachers of Sweetwater Elementary School are to be commended for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding accomplishments during World Math Day 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-35 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the fifth-grade students of Ms. Marina Esteva's class at Sweetwater Elementary School for their outstanding performance during World Math Day 2009.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary