

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-25 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING MIAMI NORLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2009 REGIONAL BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE BRAIN BOWL COMPETITION

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Students from Miami Norland Senior High School recently competed at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition, held on January 31, 2009. The tournament was sponsored by the Florida Education Fund and the South Florida Center for Excellence at Florida International University. An annual event since 1985, the competition is designed to motivate students to improve their skills in areas such as mathematics, reading, and writing. Students practice their math, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills for several months in preparation for the competition.

The students answered questions from the Black Heritage Trivia Game, as well as from historical and cultural books such as *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, by Ben Carson; *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965*, by Juan Williams; and *The Color of Water*, by James McBride. After a valiant effort, the Miami Norland Senior High School Viking Brain Bowl team placed second in the tournament.

Coaches Lena McArthur and Derrick Johnson, and team members Alounso Gilzene, Sasha DeCruise, Antoinette Payne, Kyle O'Connor, Aaron Chin, and Christopher Watson are to be commended for their level of commitment, dedication, and exceptional achievements at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-25 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Miami Norland Senior High School students for their outstanding performance at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-25
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CONGRATULATING MIAMI NORLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR
THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2009 REGIONAL BLACK HISTORY
& CULTURE BRAIN BOWL COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, students from Miami Norland Senior High School recently competed at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition is designed to motivate students to improve their skills in areas such as mathematics, reading, and writing; and

WHEREAS, the students practiced their math, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills for several months in order to be able to answer questions from the Black Heritage Trivia Game, as well as from several historical and cultural books; and

WHEREAS, after a valiant effort, the Miami Norland Senior High School Viking Brain Bowl team placed second in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, coaches Lena McArthur and Derrick Johnson, and team members Alounso Gilzene, Sasha DeCruise, Antoinette Payne, Kyle O'Connor, Aaron Chin, and Christopher Watson are to be commended for their level of commitment, dedication, and exceptional achievements at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-25 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Miami Norland Senior High School students for their outstanding performance at the 2009 Regional Black History & Culture Brain Bowl competition.

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