

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-90
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MARICELA NODAR, AN 11TH
GRADE STUDENT AT ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL
CENTER, AS A 2009 CONGRESSIONAL ART
COMPETITION WINNER**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
SKILLS**

The Congressional Art Competition dates back to 1982 as an opportunity for members of Congress to promote and recognize the artistic talents of young adults in their districts. More than 650,000 students from across the country have participated in the competition since its inception. All of the student artwork is original in design, concept and execution.

Maricela Nodar, an 11th grade student at Robert Morgan Educational Center, is the winner of the 2009 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery," for Florida's District 25. U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart presented Maricela with a certificate and a U.S. flag that previously was flown at the Capitol building. Her winning artwork will be showcased in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions the arts in schools with the understanding that artistic expression is important to a student's development. Students who study art have improved school attendance, sharpen critical and creative skills as well as increased self-directed learning. A recent study indicates that creativity and innovation, like those found in the arts, will be highly sought skills in the coming years due to the global economy.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-90 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Maricela Nodar, an 11th grade student at Robert Morgan Educational Center, as a 2009 Congressional Art Competition winner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-90
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MARICELA NODAR, AN 11TH GRADE STUDENT AT
ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER,
AS A 2009 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER**

WHEREAS, the Congressional Art Competition dates back to 1982 as an opportunity for members of Congress to promote and recognize the arts among young adults in their districts; and

WHEREAS, all of the students artwork is original in design, concept and execution; and

WHEREAS, Maricela Nodar, an 11th grade student at Robert Morgan Educational Center, is the winner of the 2009 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery," for Florida's District 25; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart presented Maricela with a certificate and a U.S. flag that previously was flown at the Capitol building where her winning artwork will be showcased for a year; and

WHEREAS, students who study art have improved school attendance, sharpen critical and creative skills as well as increased self-directed learning. A recent study indicates that creativity and innovation, like those found in the arts, will be highly sought skills in the coming years due to the global economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-90 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Maricela Nodar, an 11th grade student at Robert Morgan Educational Center, as a 2009 Congressional Art Competition winner.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary