

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-103 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT CITIZEN CLASS FOR ACHIEVING A SUPERIOR AWARD FOR THEIR SAFETY PROGRAM S.P.E.E.D. – SAVING PEDESTRIANS EVERYWHERE EVERY DAY AT THE 2009 PROJECT CITIZEN NATIONAL SHOWCASE**

**COMMITTEE:               INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:   IMPROVED SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT BY IMPLEMENTING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

Project Citizen is a portfolio-based civic education program that promotes participation in state and local government by teaching students the public policy process. The program encourages civic involvement and support for democratic values and principles and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by the U.S. Congress.

Every year, one middle school program portfolio from each state is chosen to compete at the national level at the Project Citizen National Showcase. Students must prepare portfolios that demonstrate their work in identifying a public policy problem in their community, gathering information on the problem, examining and evaluating solutions, developing a proposed public policy, and creating an action plan to have the policy adopted by the government. Each portfolio was evaluated three times by members of state legislatures, legislative staffs, and educators to determine achievement-level results.

Inspired by the tragic death of a fellow student, Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen Class students developed "Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day (S.P.E.E.D.)", an award-winning safety program focused on saving the lives of children through education, expanding school safety zones, and speed enforcement. The program was selected to represent the state of Florida at the national level. After a rigorous judging process, the school's "Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day (S.P.E.E.D.)" program was recognized with a Superior Award, marking the second year in a row that the school has received such a distinction.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen Class for achieving a Superior Award for their safety program S.P.E.E.D. – Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day at the 2009 Project Citizen National Showcase.

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**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE**  
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**EVERYWHERE EVERY DAY AT THE 2009 PROJECT CITIZEN NATIONAL SHOWCASE**

**WHEREAS**, Project Citizen is a portfolio-based civic education program that promotes participation in state and local government by teaching students the public policy process; and

**WHEREAS**, the program encourages civic involvement and support for democratic values and principles; and

**WHEREAS**, inspired by the tragic death of a fellow student, Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen Class students developed "Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day (S.P.E.E.D.)", an award-winning safety program focused on saving the lives of children through education, expanding school safety zones, and speed enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the program was selected to represent the state of Florida at the national level at the Project Citizen National Showcase; and

**WHEREAS**, after a rigorous judging process, the school's "Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day (S.P.E.E.D.)" program was recognized with a Superior Award, marking the second year in a row that the school has received such a distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the students in the Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen Class are to be commended for their dedication and hard work which benefits our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Lakes Middle School Project Citizen Class for achieving a Superior Award for their safety program S.P.E.E.D. – Saving Pedestrians Everywhere Every Day at the 2009 Project Citizen National Showcase.

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

**Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary