

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-123 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FIRST GRADE STUDENT SAMANTHA GARCIA-GRAISEN OF JANE S. ROBERTS K-8 CENTER AS A GOVERNOR'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ART CONTEST WINNER

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15 through October 15 to recognize the contributions of American citizens with ancestors from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, Central and South America. Florida Governor Charlie Crist celebrated the month with several events, including student contests for essays, art and podcasts.

Samantha Garcia-Graisen, a first grade student at Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center, was one of two winners of the Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest. Samantha was the only winner from Miami-Dade County.

The annual art contest is open to all Florida students in Kindergarten through third grades. This year's theme, "Florida: Embracing Its Hispanic Roots," touched upon the state's name, which comes from the Spanish word, La Florida, meaning a flowery or plant-filled space. Student's original artwork included drawings or paintings that represented the beautiful flowers, trees or plants found across the state.

Samantha was recently honored at the Governor's Mansion for her award-winning artwork. Winners received a \$250 check or a gift card.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-123 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing first grade student Samantha Garcia-Graisen of Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center as a Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest winner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-123
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING FIRST GRADE STUDENT SAMANTHA GARCIA-GRAISEN OF
JANE S. ROBERTS K-8 CENTER AS A GOVERNOR'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ART
CONTEST WINNER**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15 through October 15 to recognize the contributions of American citizens with ancestors from the Caribbean, Spain, Mexico, Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Charlie Crist celebrated the month with several events, including student contests for essays, art and podcasts; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Garcia-Graisén, a first grade student at Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center, was one of two winners of the Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest and she was the only winner from Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the annual art contest is open to all Florida students in Kindergarten through third grades. This year's theme, "Florida: Embracing Its Hispanic Roots," touched upon the state's name, which comes from the Spanish word, La Florida, meaning a flowery or plant-filled space; and

WHEREAS, Samantha was recently honored at the Governor's Mansion for her award-winning artwork;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-123 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing first grade student Samantha Garcia-Graisén of Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center as a Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month Art Contest winner.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of November, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary