

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-121 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING TAYLOR DAVIS, SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ART MAGNET STUDENT, FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

This past summer, Taylor Davis, a seventh-grade student at Southwood Middle School, began her "summer mission" after recognizing a need at her school. Wanting to support her teachers' commitment to the arts, Taylor's goal was to raise funds and collect supplies for the art magnet program at Southwood Middle School. In addition to holding several fundraising car washes, she wrote personal, handwritten letters to approximately 40 art supply companies requesting donations for students and her school. Many of the companies she contacted donated boxes of supplies. At a special assembly held at her school in September, Taylor unveiled donations of more than \$10,000 in art supplies, including a check in the amount of \$500.

Taylor's "summer mission" became the foundation for the non-profit organization she started, *The Traveling Canvas...painting the world a new color!* She hopes to continue to raise money for students and to teach them about the joy of art. Taylor believes that art has provided her with tremendous personal growth and she would like to share that experience with other children around the world.

For her efforts, Taylor was recently nominated by her school for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. As of last month, Taylor has collected over \$30,500 in supplies and monies for the art magnet program at Southwood Middle School. Miami-Dade County Public Schools applauds Taylor for her dedication to the arts, commitment to community service, and her efforts on behalf of students and their families.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-121 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Taylor Davis, Southwood Middle School art magnet student, for her outstanding contributions to the visual and performing arts program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-121
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TAYLOR DAVIS, SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ART MAGNET
STUDENT, FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Taylor Davis, a seventh-grade student at Southwood Middle School, began her "summer mission" after recognizing a need at her school. In support of her teachers' commitment to the arts, Taylor raised funds and collected supplies for her school's art magnet program; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her efforts, more than \$10,000 in art supplies, including a check in the amount of \$500, were presented to the students and teachers at Southwood Middle School in September; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's "summer mission" became the foundation for the non-profit organization she started, *The Traveling Canvas...painting the world a new color!*, through which she hopes to continue to raise money for students and to teach them about the joy of art; and

WHEREAS, Taylor believes that art has provided her with tremendous personal growth and she would like to share that experience with other children around the world; and

WHEREAS, as of last month, Taylor has collected over \$30,500 in supplies and monies for the art magnet program at Southwood Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools applauds Taylor for her dedication to the arts, commitment to community service, and her efforts on behalf of students and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-121 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Taylor Davis, Southwood Middle School art magnet student, for her outstanding contributions to the visual and performing arts program.

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