

Dr. Martin Karp, School Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING RAYA ELIAS-PUSHETT FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE JEOPARDY! TEEN TOURNAMENT**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Raya Elias-Pushett, a junior at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School, recently competed in the *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* quarterfinal and semi-final matches and moved on to compete in the two-day final. After a successful tournament performance, Raya walked away with more than \$20,000 in winnings. Raya was selected to be a *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* contestant after completing an online test, a written test, and several practice rounds at an audition.

In addition to her *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* appearance, Raya is a state champion Robotics Team member, and Student Government Association (SGA) Ambassador to the District SGA and to the City of Aventura, where she represents Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School at each monthly City Council meeting. She is Vice-President of SHAPE, a club where students participate in philanthropic work, Vice-President of United Synagogue Youth, Co-captain of the Scholar's Bowl team, a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and the varsity badminton and bowling teams.

Raya is also the recipient of various school-based awards, including the PTSA Lightning Award and the Craig Sturgeon Humanitarian Award. In addition, she is an honor student who achieved a perfect 800 score on the SAT II Biology exam, and a perfect FCAT reading score in 9th grade and a perfect FCAT science score in 8th grade. Raya was also invited to apply to NASA's Women in Science Summer Program, which is an all-expense paid program at Johnson Space Center.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approves Resolution No. 11-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Raya Elias-Pushett for her participation in the Jeopardy! Teen Tournament.

**Replacement  
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING RAYA ELIAS-PUSHETT FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE  
JEOPARDY! TEEN TOURNAMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Raya Elias-Pushett, a junior at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School, recently competed in the *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* quarterfinal and semi-final matches and moved on to compete in the two-day final. After a successful tournament performance, Raya walked away with more than \$20,000 in winnings; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her *Jeopardy! Teen Tournament* appearance, Raya is a state champion Robotics Team member, and Student Government Association (SGA) Ambassador to the District SGA and to the City of Aventura, where she represents Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School at each monthly City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, active in many pursuits, Raya is Vice-President of SHAPE, Vice-President of United Synagogue Youth, Co-captain of the Scholar's Bowl team, and a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and the varsity badminton and bowling teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Raya is also the recipient of various school-based awards, including the PTSA Lightning Award and the Craig Sturgeon Humanitarian Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Raya Elias-Pushett for her commitment and dedication to education;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Raya Elias-Pushett for her participation in the Jeopardy! Teen Tournament.

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary