

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-024
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF
EXCELLENCE CLASS OF 2011 SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. A dropout prevention program, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and to provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors. The program pairs students ages 9-19 with successful professional adult mentors, who provide the students with advice, guidance, and educational assistance. The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project serves over 6,500 at-risk students in 103 Miami-Dade County public schools, and 450 students in 20 schools in Pinellas County.

The Class of 2011 scholarship recipients includes 75 graduating seniors, who will be awarded a Florida Prepaid Scholarship, and a laptop computer with software, laser printer, and carrying case.

This year, scholarship recipients included students from the following senior high schools: American, Booker T. Washington, Coral Reef, Design & Architecture, Felix Varela, G. Holmes Braddock, Hialeah, MAST Academy, Miami Sr., Miami Central, Miami Edison, Miami Jackson, Miami Lakes Educational, Miami Northwestern, Miami Palmetto, North Miami Beach, South Dade, South Miami and William H., Turner. Since the program's inception, over \$5 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Class of 2011 scholarship recipients.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-024
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE CLASS OF 2011
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then Miami-Dade County School Board member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and to provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the program pairs students ages 9-19 with successful professional adult volunteers who provide the students with advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

WHEREAS, 75 graduating seniors were recently recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 18th annual scholarship ceremony; and

WHEREAS, since the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's inception, over \$5 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Class of 2011 Scholarship Recipients.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary