

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-031 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. RON MAGILL, ZOO MIAMI GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

As the Zoo Miami Goodwill Ambassador and communications director, Ron Magill has propelled the zoo to new national and international heights as a leader in wildlife conservation and education. The community icon is a wildlife photographer, documentary producer and wildlife expert. His more than 30 years of wildlife experience has included swimming with sea lions off the Galapagos Islands and tracking tigers in India.

A staunch supporter of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Mr. Magill's children are products of Miami-Dade's public schools. He lends his support and name to events that benefit the children and families of the school district. Through his work at Zoo Miami he continues his mission of inspiring an appreciation of wildlife and protecting wildlife for future generations.

Mr. Magill has been the recipient of the Wildlife Ambassador Award for his wildlife preservation efforts. He has served as the director of the Cheetah Conservation Program. His award-winning photographs have appeared in various magazines and art galleries, including the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

Mr. Magill is a frequent contributor to MSNBC as well as Spanish-language programs, including "Sabado Gigante" and "Despierta America." He has also appeared on "National Geographic Explorer," the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "Late Night with David Letterman" and CNN. Mr. Magill is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to wildlife education and conservation.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Ron Magill, Zoo Miami Goodwill Ambassador and communications.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-031
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. RON MAGILL, ZOO MIAMI GOODWILL AMBASSADOR AND
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, as the Zoo Miami Goodwill Ambassador and communications director, Ron Magill has propelled the zoo to new national and international heights as a leader in wildlife conservation and education; and

WHEREAS, the community icon is a wildlife photographer, documentary producer and wildlife expert. His more than 30 years of wildlife experience has included swimming with sea lions off the Galapagos Islands and tracking tigers in India; and

WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Mr. Magill's children are products of Miami-Dade's public schools. He lends his support and name to events that benefit the children and families of the school district; and

WHEREAS, his award-winning photographs have appeared in various magazines and art galleries, including the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Mr. Magill is a frequent contributor to MSNBC as well as Spanish-language programs, including "Sabado Gigante" and "Despierta America." He has also appeared on "National Geographic Explorer," the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "Late Night with David Letterman" and CNN; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magill has been the recipient of the Wildlife Ambassador Award for his wildlife preservation efforts and he has served as the director of the Cheetah Conservation Program Mr. Magill is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to wildlife education and conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Ron Magill, Zoo Miami Goodwill Ambassador and communications director.

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