

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-064 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MR. RICARDO MENENDEZ, FOR REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AT THE CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN KIEV, UKRAINE IN AUGUST 2011

**COMMITTEE:** INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Ricardo Menendez has been practicing judo since the age of five. His hard work, talent, and dedication to the sport he loves have enabled Ricardo to compete globally in this very competitive activity.

He recently won a Silver Medal at the National Scholastic Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which earned him one of two coveted spots to represent the United States at the Cadet World Championships in the 73kg Division in Kiev, Ukraine, this coming August.

Ricardo is a sophomore at Southwest Miami Senior High School, where he participates in the Business Magnet Program. Not only is Ricardo an accomplished athlete, he also maintains an excellent grade point average and has maintained a record of perfect attendance for eleven years. In addition he placed first in the State of Florida in DECA's Virtual Business Challenge this past December.

Ricardo trains in Falcon Judo Club at West Miami Middle Community School under the guidance of his proud coach and father, Ricardo Menendez. He enjoys playing baseball, basketball and football, and wishes to pursue a career in business administration. His younger brother, Alejandro, is also an outstanding athlete who competes on an international level as well.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-064, recognizing Ricardo Menendez for representing the United States at the Cadet World Championship in Kiev, Ukraine, in August 2011.

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**RESOLUTION NO.11-064  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING RICARDO MENENDEZ FOR REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AT  
THE CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN KIEV, UKRAINE, IN AUGUST 2011**

**WHEREAS**, a judo enthusiast since the age of five, Ricardo Menendez's hard work, talent, and dedication to the sport have enabled him to compete at a global level; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricardo recently won a Silver Medal at the National Scholastic Championships in Michigan, which earned him the distinction of representing the United States at the Cadet World Championship in Kiev, Ukraine, this August; and

**WHEREAS**, a sophomore at Southwest Miami Senior High School, Ricardo participates in the Business Magnet Program, maintains an excellent grade point average, and he boasts a record of perfect attendance for eleven years; and

**WHEREAS**, an accomplished athlete, Ricardo enjoys playing baseball, basketball, and football; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ricardo Menendez for his commitment and dedication to athletic and academic excellence;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ricardo Menendez for representing the United States at the Cadet World Championship in Kiev, Ukraine, in August 2011.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary