

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-079 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GEORGIA JONES AYERS FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Georgia Jones Ayers is a pioneer and social advocate in the South Florida community. Born in Miami to George and Lila Thomas, Mrs. Ayers' community service dates back to 1967 when she developed a Community Relations Council for the Miami-Dade Police Department. Two years later, she created another Community Relations Council for the City of Miami Police Department. She is a charter member of the Opportunity Industrialization Center.

Mrs. Ayers served as the regional center director of the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency for 11 years. In 1982, she founded The Alternative Program, Inc. also known as The Janet Reno New Chance Alternative School. She is currently the executive director of the school. Mrs. Ayers is involved in the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community, American Cancer Society, State of Florida Juvenile Justice Department Advisory Group and the Top Ladies of Distinction at Mount Vernon AME Church. Her accolades include The Miami Herald's first-ever Spirit of Excellence Award, City of Miami Police Department's Trailblazer Award and the Florida Commission on Human Relations' Civil Rights Advocacy Award.

Mrs. Ayers has a rich legacy of community relations and social advocacy in the community. For the past four decades, her tireless work on behalf of students and families has enriched their lives and spurred a new understanding of community involvement and civic responsibility. Mrs. Ayers is a shining example to her six children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren that service to one's community is a noble calling.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-079 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Georgia Jones Ayers for her outstanding work in the community.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-079
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING GEORGIA JONES AYERS FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE
COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Georgia Jones Ayers is a pioneer and social advocate in the South Florida community. Born in Miami to George and Lila Thomas, Mrs. Ayers' community service dates back to 1967 when she developed a Community Relations Council for the Miami-Dade Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ayers served as the regional center director of the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency for 11 years. In 1982, she founded The Alternative Program, Inc. also known as The Janet Reno New Chance Alternative School, where she is currently the executive director; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ayers is involved in the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community, American Cancer Society, State of Florida Juvenile Justice Department Advisory Group and the Top Ladies of Distinction at Mount Vernon AME Church; and

WHEREAS, her accolades include The Miami Herald's first-ever Spirit of Excellence Award, City of Miami Police Department's Trailblazer Award and the Florida Commission on Human Relations' Civil Rights Advocacy Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ayers has a rich legacy of community relations and social advocacy in the community. For the past four decades, her tireless work on behalf of students and families has enriched their lives and spurred a new understanding of community involvement and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ayers is a shining example to her six children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren that service to one's community is a noble calling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-079 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Georgia Jones Ayers for her outstanding work in the community.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary