

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Member

**SUBJECT:                               REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-146 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE REVEREND DR. PRESTON W. MARSHALL, JR., FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE:                           INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Reverend Dr. Preston W. Marshall, Jr., is a native of Miami of Bahamian descent and members of his family are among the list on signers to the city's charter in 1896. A life-long civic activist, Dr. Marshall marched alongside Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the historic march on Washington, DC, and he participated in civic marches and demonstrations with Dr. King in St. Augustine and Tallahassee, Florida, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. Marshall worked closely with former Congressman William Lehman and other local and national leaders to dedicate the first street in the state of Florida, a Metrorail Station, and a post office in Miami-Dade County to honor Dr. King's life and legacy. He was also on the committee for the congressional bill commemorating Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday.

Dr. Marshall is an ordained minister and international master chaplain, and he served as chaplain for numerous prisons, hospitals, Opa-Locka Police Department, and Miami-Dade Democratic Party, where he recently presented an invocation for more than 2,500 delegates and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Dr. Marshall has a doctorate in education from Arizona State University, and he is a Mott Fellow for Education. He was one of the first principals of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Community/Vocational Education Program for high school dropouts and adults in inner-city Miami and Hialeah. He also established the first GED and vocational curriculum for immigrants of Hispanic and Caribbean heritage.

Dr. Marshall is a consummate educator who has to his credit professorships at various colleges and universities across the United States and the Caribbean. He presently teaches African Studies at the University of Miami.

The School Board commends Dr. Marshall for the passion and dedication he has demonstrated for education and human rights throughout the years.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-146 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Preston W. Marshall Jr. for his commitment to education and community service.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING DR. PRESTON W. MARSHALL JR. FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Dr. Preston W. Marshall, Jr., is a native of Miami of Bahamian descent and members of his family are among the list on signers to the city's charter in 1896. A life-long civic activist, Dr. Marshall marched alongside Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the historic march on Washington, DC, and he participated in civic marches and demonstrations with Dr. King in St. Augustine and Tallahassee, Florida, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marshall worked closely with former Congressman William Lehman and other local and national leaders to dedicate the first street in the state of Florida, a Metrorail Station, and a post office in Miami-Dade County to honor Dr. King's life and legacy. He was also on the committee for the congressional bill commemorating Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marshall is an ordained minister and international master chaplain, and he served as chaplain for numerous prisons, hospitals, Opa-Locka Police Department, and Miami-Dade Democratic Party, where he recently presented an invocation for more than 2,500 delegates and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marshall has a doctorate in education from Arizona State University, and he is a Mott Fellow for Education. He was one of the first principals of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Community/Vocational Education Program for high school dropouts and adults in inner-city Miami and Hialeah. He also established the first GED and vocational curriculum for immigrants of Hispanic and Caribbean heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Marshall is a consummate educator who has to his credit professorships at various colleges and universities across the United States and the Caribbean. He presently teaches African Studies at the University of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board commends Dr. Marshall for the passion and dedication he has demonstrated for education and human rights throughout the years;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-146 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Preston W. Marshall Jr. for his commitment to education and community service.

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary