

May 7, 2012

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-077  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**COMMITTEE:** INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

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

On June 2, 2012 family, friends and interested citizens will gather at Jungle Island to show support and gratitude to graduating seniors who are enlisting in the military and to recognize also their parents and guardians. The event, sponsored by Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County, will include a private reception, College Fair, speakers, lunch, special gifts and an awards ceremony.

Our Community Salutes (OCS) was created three years ago by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman. The nonprofit organization conducts ceremonies that honor high school seniors who plan to enlist in the armed forces after graduation. OCS ceremonies are held across the country. The ceremonies are coordinated by local teams of volunteers, military recruiters, veterans, community and business leaders as well as teachers and guidance counselors. OCS guides parents through the process of enlisting. The organization is also a strong supporter of enlistees pursuing their post-secondary education while on active duty.

Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County is to be commended for supporting our brave men and women who have chosen to defend and protect this nation. The organization's work on behalf of these young military enlistees and their families promotes our freedom and national security.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-077  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2012 family, friends and interested citizens will gather at Jungle Island to show support and gratitude to graduating seniors who are enlisting in the military and their parents and guardians; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Community Salutes (OCS) was created three years ago by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman, a US Army veteran. The nonprofit organization conducts ceremonies that honor high school seniors who have chosen to enlist in the Armed Forces following graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, OCS ceremonies have now spread are being held all across the country. The ceremonies are coordinated by teams of local volunteers including civilians, veterans, teachers, guidance counselors, community and business leaders, military recruiters and corporate sponsors; and

**WHEREAS**, OCS educates parents about enlistment and military life. The organization is also a strong supporter of enlistees pursuing their post-secondary education while on active duty; and

**WHEREAS**, OCS formally recognizes guidance counselors who have guided students to pursue military enlistment and consider a military career; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County has been formed by Raul Mas, Novice Johnson, Lori Rutland and others in our community to honor Miami-Dade's graduating seniors enlisting in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County is to be commended for supporting our brave graduating seniors who have chosen to defend and protect our country in time of war. The organization's work on behalf of these young military enlistees and their families promotes our freedom and national security

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County.

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of May A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary