

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING CHAIRWOMAN REBECA SOSA OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Since 2001, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa has served on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, representing the residents of District 6. She has been re-elected three times, most recently in 2010. Chairwoman Sosa represents the communities of the City of Miami, Coral Gables, West Miami, Hialeah, and Miami Springs. On November 20, 2012, she was elected to serve a two-year term as Chairwoman of the County Commission, making history as the commission's first Hispanic chairwoman.

Born in Camaguey, Cuba, Chairwoman Sosa received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Puerto Rico and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Thomas University. She has served as an educator for more than 30 years. A believer in the value of education, Chairwoman Sosa holds certification in elementary education and in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). She currently trains teachers, develops curriculum, and assists with job placement at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center.

Throughout her tenure on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Chairwoman Sosa has sponsored legislation to support victims of hate crimes and introduced a resolution urging Congress to pass the Elder Justice Act to support efforts to end elder abuse and neglect. She encouraged the Florida Legislature to prohibit texting while driving, to require insurance companies to extend coverage to include developmental disabilities, and to review red light camera legislation. In addition, Chairwoman Sosa spearheaded efforts to increase flights into Miami International Airport and presented more than \$6 million to be used towards the construction of facilities in Miami, Miami Springs, and West Miami.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa for her commitment, dedication, and efforts on behalf of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa of the Miami-Dade County Commission for her leadership and commitment to Miami-Dade County.

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HONORING CHAIRWOMAN REBECA SOSA OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, since 2001, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa has served on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, representing the residents of District 6; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2012, she was elected to serve a two-year term as Chairwoman of the County Commission, making history as the commission's first Hispanic chairwoman; and

WHEREAS, Chairwoman Sosa has served as an educator for more than 30 years. She currently trains teachers, develops curriculum, and assists with job placement at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Chairwoman Sosa has sponsored legislation to support victims of hate crimes and introduced a resolution urging Congress to pass the Elder Justice Act to support efforts to end elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Chairwoman Sosa encouraged the Florida Legislature to prohibit texting while driving, to require insurance companies to extend coverage to include developmental disabilities, and to review red light camera legislation. In addition, she spearheaded efforts to increase flights into Miami International Airport and presented more than \$6 million to be used towards the construction of facilities in Miami, Miami Springs, and West Miami; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa for her commitment, dedication, and efforts on behalf of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa of the Miami-Dade County Commission for her leadership and commitment to Miami-Dade County.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary