

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 13, 2013

February 4, 2013

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-032
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD'S
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The City of Homestead had the privilege of observing its centennial on February 2nd. The Homestead Centennial Celebration included live bands, carnival games, bounce houses, rides, food trucks and a historical show titled, "The Homestead Story." The fun-filled event encouraged community members and families to come together and honor the city for 100 years of service to the community.

Homestead has a rich history that dates back to 1898 when it was opened to homesteaders, which makes it the second oldest city in Miami-Dade County. The area was only accessible through Homesteaders Trail. Henry Flagler extended the railroad from Miami to Key West in 1904, which allowed farmers to transport their goods to Miami and other parts of the state. Many of the railroad workers remained in the area and helped establish the City of Homestead in 1913. Originally a city of 121, Homestead now boasts more than 60,000 residents.

The City of Homestead is to be commended for positioning itself as a strong community partner and supporter of education. Its commitment to providing its residents a safe and nurturing place to call home has enriched the lives of many.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Homestead's Centennial celebration.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-032
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Homestead had the privilege of observing its centennial on February 2nd. The Homestead Centennial Celebration included live bands, carnival games, bounce houses, rides, food trucks and a historical show titled, "The Homestead Story."; and

WHEREAS, the fun-filled event encouraged community members and families to come together and honor the city for 100 years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Homestead has a rich history that dates back to 1898 when it was opened to homesteaders, which makes it the second oldest city in Miami-Dade County. Originally a city of 121, Homestead now boasts more than 60,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Henry Flagler extended the railroad from Miami to Key West in 1904, which allowed farmers to transport their goods to Miami and other parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, men and women from throughout the Americas, Caribbean, and Europe who came to work on the railroad stayed and discovered the agricultural potential, and by building churches, schools, libraries, and a government center, created a community and helped establish the City of Homestead in 1913; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homestead is to be commended for positioning itself as a strong community partner and supporter of education. Its commitment to providing its residents a safe and nurturing place to call home has enriched the lives of many;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Homestead's Centennial celebration.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary