

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-049  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING A'NARI TAYLOR FOR HER ACT  
OF BRAVERY IN A TIME OF CRISIS**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

One afternoon in July of 2012, A'nari Taylor and a couple of friends were playing outside their Overtown home, pretending to be famous basketball players. While playing, A'nari heard an unfamiliar voice and decided to investigate it. There she found a stranger carrying her four year old cousin away claiming that God had commanded him to do so. A'nari, a second grader at Phillis Wheatley Elementary immediately proceeded to punch and kick the man. A'nari later said, "I was scared but I didn't think. I just wanted to act."

Upon hearing the commotion a neighbor came out and the man released Brandon and ran away. But while riding with police, A'nari identified the man who was then arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping and false imprisonment.

Since then, A'nari has received the Heroes Award from the Miami-Dade Police Department and a "Do the Right Thing Award" from the Do the Right Thing Foundation. She is also slated to receive official resolutions proclaiming her act of bravery from the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

Most notably the Congressional Medal of Honor Society nominated A'nari for the Citizen Service Before Self Honor; which is the civilian equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor. A'nari Taylor joins twenty-two other finalist around the nation whose stories of bravery and community service will compete for four Citizen Service Before Self Honors. Despite all of the accolades A'nari says that she is most happy finding something about herself when she Googles her name.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends A'nari Taylor for her bravery and compassion on behalf of the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-049, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing A'nari Taylor for her act of bravery in a time of crisis.

**Replacement  
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RECOGNIZING A'NARI TAYLOR FOR HER  
ACT OF BRAVERY IN A TIME OF CRISIS**

**WHEREAS**, One afternoon in July of 2012, A'nari Taylor and a couple of friends were playing outside their Overtown home, pretending to be famous basketball players. While playing, A'nari heard an unfamiliar voice and decided to investigate it. There she found a stranger carrying her four year old cousin away claiming that God had commanded him to do so. A'nari, a second grader at Phillis Wheatley Elementary immediately proceeded to punch and kick the man; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon hearing the commotion a neighbor came out and the man released Brandon and ran away. But while riding with police, A'nari identified the man who was then arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping and false imprisonment; and

**WHEREAS**, Since then, A'nari has received the Heroes Award from the Miami-Dade Police Department and a "Do the Right Thing Award" from the Do the Right Thing Foundation. She is also slated to receive official resolutions proclaiming her act of bravery from the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Most notably the Congressional Medal of Honor Society nominated A'nari for the Citizen Service Before Self Honor; which is the civilian equivalent of the Congressional Medal of Honor. A'nari Taylor joins twenty-two other finalist around the nation whose stories of bravery and community service will compete for four Citizen Service Before Self Honors; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends A'nari Taylor for her bravery and compassion on behalf of the community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-049 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing A'nari Taylor for her act of bravery in a time of crisis.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of March, A.D. 2013**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary