

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-072 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

On May 18, 2013 family, friends and interested citizens will gather at Miami Beach Senior High 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, speakers, lunch, special gifts and an awards ceremony. Speakers include US Representative Joe Garcia, Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho, Brigadier General Hector Pagan (Ret.), and Vice Admiral Joseph Kernan.

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. 13-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-072
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2013 family, friends and interested citizens will gather at Miami Beach Senior High School 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, Our Community Salutes of Miami-Dade County has been formed by Raul Mas, Victor Martinez and supported by other civilian volunteers of the US Army's Recruiting Battalion Miami Advisory Board 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. 13-072 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 eighth day of May A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary