

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-027
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MARTHA FLORES FOR HER 55
YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN JOURNALISM**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

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

Martha Flores fled her beloved native Cuba upon the arrival of the Communist Revolution at the beginning of 1959. Leaving her immediate family behind, Ms. Flores came to South Florida where she joined her family years later. With consistent determination and personal initiative, Ms. Flores embarked upon a new career as a radio journalist.

As a newly-arrived Cuban political refugee, Ms. Flores began her career in radio as a part-time program host on weekends at WMIE, the first Spanish-language radio station in Miami in 1959. From there, Ms. Flores went on to work at different Hispanic radio stations for several years throughout her career. For the past 21 years, she has worked for WAQI Radio Mambi where she hosts the weekday nightly program, "La Noche y Usted," a very popular radio show among the Hispanic community. Widely known as "La Reina de la Noche" (The Queen of the Night), her nightly talk show has gained prominence as "the place to be" for national, state and local leaders that want to be known and recognized in Miami-Dade County. Over the years, her radio program has become a forum for interesting debates and lively discussions on global issues affecting the Nation and the various diverse groups that make-up the South Florida community.

Ms. Flores deserves recognition for her 55 years of professional journalism, her concern for the marginalized in our society, for her continued support of public education, and all the children of Miami-Dade County.

The Miami-Dade School Board commends Martha Flores for her dedicated 55 years of service in journalism and commitment to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade-County, Florida approve Resolution No. 14-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Martha Flores for her 55 years of outstanding service in journalism and commitment to our community.

**Replacement
H-17**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-027
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MARTHA FLORES FOR HER 55 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING
SERVICE IN JOURNALISM**

WHEREAS, Hispanic radio pioneer Martha Flores has been sharing her journalism talent with the South Florida community for 55 years; and

WHEREAS, as a newly-arrived Cuban political refugee, Ms. Flores began her career in radio as a part-time program host on weekends at WMIE, the first Spanish-language radio station in Miami in 1959; and

WHEREAS, for the past 21 years, she has worked for WAQI Radio Mambi where she hosts the weekday nightly program, "La Noche y Usted," a very popular radio show among the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, over the years, her radio program has become a forum for interesting debates and lively discussions on global issues affecting the Nation and the various diverse groups that make-up the South Florida community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Flores deserves recognition for her 55 years of professional journalism, for her continued support of public education, and all the children of Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Martha Flores for her 55 years of outstanding service in journalism.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary