

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-047 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF CUBAN HOME
ECONOMICS TEACHERS IN EXILE**

COMMITTEE: ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

The home economics school of Cuba was founded on April 2, 1918 by Dr. Angela Landa to strengthen the foundations of family life and thus secure a well-rounded society. Dr. Landa, who passed away in 1950, earned her doctorate in pedagogy from the University of Havana, and is considered one of the founders of the public school system of Cuba. She was part of a group of teachers who travelled to the United States to learn about the American education system and possibly apply its concepts in Cuba. An advocate of women's participation in the development of a well-rounded society, Dr. Landa enabled graduates of her home economics school to be accepted into the university's college of education.

In 1972, after settling in the United States, students and teachers of home economics schools across Cuba founded the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile as a means to continue their social work. The group peaked in the 1980s with membership reaching 1,600. That number has dropped to about 50 today, as many members have passed away. Current members expect to close the association before the end of this year, as they can't do much charity work with only a few members.

The association members raise money for St. Jude's Hospital, by collecting the tabs from beverage cans; donate complete sets of newborn essential items for low-income mothers, such as strollers, cribs and clothing; donate toys to churches and nonprofits like Centro Mater; raise money to renovate churches, replace outdated medical equipment in health centers, and for the Liga Contra el Cancer (Anti-Cancer League); and also visit senior centers to donate blankets and celebrate birthdays.

The School Board commends the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile for their commitment and devotion to our community and for inspiring present and future generations.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-047
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
ASSOCIATION OF CUBAN HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS IN EXILE

WHEREAS, the home economics school of Cuba was founded on April 2, 1918 by Dr. Angela Landa to strengthen the foundations of family life and thus secure a well-rounded society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Landa, who passed away in 1950, earned her doctorate in pedagogy from the University of Havana, and is considered one of the founders of the public school system of Cuba. She was part of a group of teachers who travelled to the United States to learn about the American education system and possibly apply its concepts in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, An advocate of women's participation in the development of a well-rounded society, Dr. Landa enabled graduates of her home economics school to be accepted into the university's college of education; and

WHEREAS In 1972, after settling in the United States, students and teachers of home economics schools across Cuba founded the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile as a means to continue their social work. The group peaked in the 1980s with membership reaching 1,600; and

WHEREAS, the association members raise money for St. Jude's Hospital, by collecting the tabs from beverage cans; donate complete sets of newborn essential items for low-income mothers, such as strollers, cribs and clothing; donate toys to churches and nonprofits like Centro Mater; raise money to renovate churches, replace outdated medical equipment in health centers, and for the Liga Contra el Cancer (Anti-Cancer League); and also visit senior centers to donate blankets and celebrate birthdays; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile for their commitment and devotion to our community and for inspiring present and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Association of Cuban Home Economics Teachers in Exile.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of May, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary