

Dr. Marta Pérez Wurtz, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-018 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING LOUIS CONFESSORE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is home to many outstanding educators who have left their mark on countless children. Mr. Louis Confessore is one such educator. He continues to contribute and inspire long after retirement through his involvement in youth soccer.

He singlehandedly put youth soccer on the athletic scene in South Florida. He has done this by:

1. Establishing one of the first public high school soccer programs at Miami Coral Park Senior High School, and
2. Founding the Dade Youth Soccer Association in 1970.

Further, he has been the recipient of countless awards for his efforts on behalf of youth soccer:

1. He was most recently recognized by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.
2. He represented the southeast region as its nominee for Administrator of the Year last month in Baltimore.
3. He continues serving as director for the youth soccer program he founded at Coral Estates Park. This has grown to an impressive membership of 1,200.
4. Many of the players he coached have become volunteer coaches, teaching the sport they love to another generation of students.

Mr. Confessore began his career in education teaching at Riverside Elementary School in 1961. From 1962 until his retirement in 2000, he taught physical education at Coral Park Elementary, where he now serves on the school's EESAC committee. He and his wife Harriet will celebrate 55 years of marriage this year. They have three children who reside in South Florida.

Mr. Confessore is to be commended for his life-long commitment to youth soccer and his spirit of volunteerism.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-018 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Louis Confessore.

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