

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-066 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THOMAS V. GAMMON

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been fortunate to have in its ranks of teachers some individuals that are highly qualified and serve the community with honor and integrity. One of these is Thomas V. Gammon, who has had more than 33 years of experience as an elementary and secondary school educator and in his last teaching assignment was the magnet law teacher at Miami Carol City Senior High School's Law Program. During his career, he was also a teacher-trainer with the Teacher Education Center.

During his illustrious career he has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 1996 he was named Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year and in 1999 received the coveted Milken National Educator Award. This award honors top educators around the country who inspire excellence in the world of education. He also was appointed to the White House Strategy Session on Hispanic Student Achievement.

In addition, Mr. Gammon retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after more than 26 years of service. Following 9/11, he was recalled to military duty for Operation Enduring Freedom, the War on Terrorism. During his military career, he received several Air Force Meritorious Service medals and the 2002 Florida Education Association's Brother and Sister Award for Personal Courage.

Mr. Gammon extended his dedication to education as a teacher on Special Assignment at United Teachers of Dade (UTD) in the Education Policy Department. He was a UTD Designated Building Steward and Lead Steward. He was elected as the UTD First Vice President in 2013 and served in this office until his retirement in May 2016.

Thomas V. Gammon's life is a testament to knowledge, compassion and family. His hard work on behalf of the students and employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools has made a positive impact on generations to come.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-066 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Thomas V. Gammon.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-066
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THOMAS V. GAMMON**

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas V. Gammon has more than 33 years of experience as an elementary and secondary school educator and in his last teaching assignment was the magnet law teacher at Miami Carol City Senior High School's Law Program and during his career, he was also a teacher-trainer with the Teacher Education Center; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career he has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 1996 he was named the Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year and in 1999 received the coveted Milken National Educator Award. He also was appointed to the White House Strategy Session on Hispanic Student Achievement; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Gammon retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after more than 26 years of service. Following 9/11, he was recalled to military duty for Operation Enduring Freedom, the War on Terrorism. During his military career, he received several Air Force Meritorious Service medals and the 2002 Florida Education Association's Brother and Sister Award for Personal Courage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gammon extended his dedication to education as a teacher on Special Assignment at United Teachers of Dade (UTD) in the Education Policy Department. He was a UTD Designated Building Steward and Lead Steward. He was elected as the UTD First Vice President in 2013 and served in this office until his retirement in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, Thomas V. Gammon's life is a testament to knowledge, compassion and family. His hard work on behalf of the students and employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools has made a positive impact on generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-066 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Thomas V. Gammon.

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

Presented on this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary