

Dr. Marta Pérez Wurtz, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-XXX OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE ROBIN PRENDES

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

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Every year our district takes pride in graduating students who go on to pursue higher education at prestigious colleges and universities. We take even greater pride when a few of those students distinguish themselves in the international arena by representing the United States at the Olympic Games.

Robin Prendes graduated in 2007 from Miami Coral Park Senior High School after attending Shennandoah Elementary, Shennandoah Middle, and Ruben Dario Middle Schools. He went on to graduate from Princeton University in 2011 with a degree in economics.

Born in Matanzas, Cuba, Robin arrived in the United States at the age of 6 with his parents Rodolfo and Victoria Prendes. In his early teens he was encouraged by his father to join a local rowing club, thereby sparking an interest in the sport. While still in high school Robin won the single sculls at the 2006 Junior World Championship Trials, won the double sculls, finished second in the junior single sculls and third in the junior quadruple sculls in the 2005 USRowing National Championships. He finished second in the quadruple sculls at the 2005 USRowing Youth Invitational. In the global arena, Robin participated in the World Rowing Junior Championships and the South American Speed Championships.

More fame and glory awaited Robin during his college years: He won the lightweight double sculls at the 2008 USRowing Under 23 World Championship Trials. In 2009 he won the lightweight varsity eight at the IRA Championships, and the lightweight varsity eight at the Eastern Springs Regatta.

After graduation Robin qualified for the 2012 Olympic Games in London where he proudly represented the United States. He went on to earn a silver medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto and again represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in several events.

Robin's plans for the future include relocating to the South Florida area and possibly pursuing graduate school. He credits his parents as his inspiration. He serves as a role model for all children of immigrant parents who pursue their dreams and aspirations. He is to be commended for his extraordinary achievements.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to present this proclamation to Mr. Robin Prendes before he fulfills professional commitments.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-XXX of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Robin Prendes for representing the United States at the 2016 Olympic Games.

**Good Cause
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