

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-116 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH WILLIAM “BILLY” ROLLE

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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On Saturday, December 10, 2016, the Camping World Stadium in Orlando played host to the 2016 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 8A football finals. The FHSAA Class 8A football championship game featured the Miami Southridge Senior High School Spartans and Dr. Phillips High School Panthers. In a come-from-behind win, the Miami Southridge Spartans defeated the Dr. Phillips Panthers with a 14-10 victory, making them the State champions. The Spartans have the distinction of earning 2 state titles in 1991 and 1993, and the last time the team participated in the State’s final was in 1999.

After a 3-2 start to the season the Southridge defense stepped up and ended their season at 13-2 after victories over Southwest Miami, Miami Palmetto, and Coral Gables senior high schools in the FHSAA regional quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. The football team also defeated Deerfield Beach High School in the FHSAA state semifinals giving them a 10 game winning streak this season.

The team is led by Coach William “Billy” Rolle who has 18 years as a coach and mentor for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He has become the first coach in Florida history to lead three different large division high schools to a state championship. Two at Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1998 and 2007 and one at Miami Killian Senior High School in 2004. Now he has led our Miami Southridge Spartans to its 3rd State Title.

In 2007, Head Coach Rolle, led his team to the number one ranking in the nation. Subsequently, he was named the USA Today Head Football Coach of the Year. He has coached many players that have attained successful college and professional football careers. Among them are Marvin Jones from the New York Jets, Lamar Miller from the Houston Texans and Vernon Carey, a retired Miami Dolphins Player.

Miami Southridge Senior High has a rich history in the community that has served several generations of Spartans. The school was established in 1976 and their mission is to provide the highest quality education so that all of their students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives, remain lifelong learners, and become responsible citizens.

The members of Miami Southridge's football team have demonstrated incredible athletic ability and a commitment to being students first and athletes second. All senior players are on track to graduate in June, having satisfied or are in the process of satisfying the high school graduation requirements. Coach Rolle insured academic rigor which has resulted in 5 of his players being eligible as early qualifiers to graduate and attend the following institutions, University of Florida, Florida International University and University of Tennessee.

Principal Humberto Miret, Athletic Director Shawn P. Carney, Coach William "Billy" Rolle, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Miami Southridge Senior High School Football Team are to be congratulated for an exemplary season and for their championship performance both on and off the field;

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-116 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Southridge Senior High School Football Team And Head Coach William "Billy" Rolle.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM
AND HEAD COACH WILLIAM “BILLY” ROLLE**

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 10, 2016, the Camping World Stadium in Orlando played host to the 2016 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 8A football finals. The FHSAA Class 8A football championship game featured the Miami Southridge Senior High School Spartans and Dr. Phillips High School Panthers. In a come-from-behind win, the Miami Southridge Spartans defeated the Dr. Phillips Panthers with a 14-10 victory, making them the state champions; and

WHEREAS, after a 3-2 start to the season, the Southridge defense stepped up and ended their season at 13-2 after victories over Southwest Miami, Miami Palmetto, and Coral Gables senior high schools in the FHSAA regional quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals. The football team also defeated Deerfield Beach High School in the FHSAA state semifinals giving them a 10 game winning streak this season; and

WHEREAS, the team is led by Head Coach William “Billy” Rolle who has 18 years as a coach and mentor for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He has become the first coach in Florida history to lead three different large division high schools to a state championship; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Coach Rolle, led his team to the number one ranking in the nation. Subsequently, he was named the USA Today Head Football Coach of the Year. He has coached many players that have attained successful college and professional football careers; and

WHEREAS, Miami Southridge Senior High has a rich history in the community that has served several generations of Spartans. The school was established in 1976 and their mission is to provide the highest quality education so that all of their students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives, remain lifelong learners, and become responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of Miami Southridge’s football team have demonstrated incredible athletic ability and a commitment to being students first and athletes second. All senior players are on track to graduate in June, having satisfied or are in the process of satisfying the high school graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, Principal Humberto Miret, Athletic Director Shawn P. Carney, Coach William “Billy” Rolle, the coaching staff, students, parents, and the Miami Southridge Senior High School football team are to be congratulated for an exemplary season and for their championship performance both on and off the field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-116 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Southridge Senior High School Football Team And Head Coach William “Billy” Rolle.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary