

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-117 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. MARIO J. ARTECONA AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami is a nonprofit organization dedicated to help deserving, low income families reach their dream of homeownership. Prior to purchasing a home, Habitat for Humanity families must work hundreds of hours of sweat equity, which is financed by Habitat with zero percent mortgage.

For 25 years, the organization has helped 1,100 families throughout Miami-Dade County achieve the goal of becoming homeowners and have built homes in Liberty City, Overtown, Miami Gardens, Perrine, Goulds, Homestead, various other municipalities and unincorporated Miami-Dade County. In addition, dozens of local companies participate with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami by sponsoring homes and providing volunteers to help build them. In 2017 alone, more than 5,000 volunteers have assisted Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami.

At the helm of the non-profit organization is Mr. Mario J. Artecona. He has been a strong leader and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami for seven years. Through his initiatives there have been numerous home building projects providing homes to the neediest families in our communities. Most recently, their latest community, Habitat Landings, will be completed in February of 2018 and features 65 brand new homes right behind Caribbean K-8 Center.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami and Mr. Mario J. Artecona are to be commended for their tireless efforts and dedication to provide homes for low income families and for their plan to continue to build 40 to 50 homes a year, thus helping more families set roots in their communities.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

LUBBY NAVARRO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-117 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Mario J. Artecona and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-117
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. MARIO J. ARTECONA AND
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI**

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami is a nonprofit organization dedicated to help deserving, low income families reach their dream of home-ownership. Prior to purchasing a home, Habitat for Humanity families must work hundreds of hours of sweat equity, which is financed by Habitat with zero percent mortgage; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, the organization has helped 1,100 families throughout Miami-Dade County achieve the goal of becoming homeowners and have built homes in Liberty City, Overtown, Miami Gardens, Perrine, Goulds, Homestead, various other municipalities and unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, at the helm of the non-profit organization is Mr. Mario J. Artecona. He has been a strong leader and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami for seven years. Through his initiatives there have been numerous home building projects providing homes to the neediest families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, most recently, their latest community, Habitat Landings, will be completed in February of 2018 and features 65 brand new homes right behind Caribbean K-8 Center; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami and Mr. Mario J. Artecona are to be commended for their tireless efforts and dedication to provide homes for low income families and for their plan to continue to build 40 to 50 homes a year, thus helping more families set roots in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-117 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Mario J. Artecona and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami.

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

Presented this sixth day of December, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary