

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-007 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. FEDERICK A. GONZALEZ AND MR. GABRIEL S. GONZALEZ FROM TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez are two extraordinary high school seniors attending TERRA Environmental Research Institute. Throughout their academic years at Miami-Dade County Public Schools they have accumulated many academic achievements, awards and scholastic honors, in addition to playing critical roles in our community as youth leaders.

Both Federick and Gabriel have received over 20 distinctive recognitions including, but not limited to, receiving the 2018 Silver Knight Nominations in the categories of Mathematics and General Scholarship, being named a 2018 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists, receiving the 2017 National Spanish Scholars Awards and AP Scholars Awards, and most recently receiving admission to Columbia University. At TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Federick A. Gonzalez founded the "404 Club" focusing on his passion for computer science by teaching middle school students how to code. Additionally, he serves as the Co-Vice President of the TERRA French Honor Society and is the 2017 Leadership coordinator for the National Honor Society. Gabriel S. Gonzalez serves as the Co-President at the Terra Vex Club, President of the Terra National Honor Society and as the Co-Vice President of the TERRA French Honor Society.

Additionally, Federick and Gabriel have also demonstrated a passion to serve our community through their extensive volunteerism by undertaking various leadership roles. Since 2015, both Federick and Gabriel have served as members of the prestigious Miami-Dade County Youth Commission Board, articulating the needs of youth in our County. Both Federick and Gabriel have also participated in many community events including District 7's Annual Backpack Giveaway Events, District 7's Holiday Showcase/Toy Distribution Events, and Relay for Life Events. Gabriel S. Gonzalez, also founded his own organization named "Heartening Parents and Children with Cancer (HPACC)" where he creates care packages for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez are to be commended for their extraordinary academic achievements in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for their service to our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez from TERRA Environmental Research Institute.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-007
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. FEDERICK A. GONZALEZ AND MR. GABRIEL S. GONZALEZ
FROM TERRAENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez are two extraordinary high school seniors attending TERRA Environmental Research Institute. Throughout their academic years at Miami-Dade County Public Schools they have accumulated many academic achievements, awards and scholastic honors, in addition to playing critical roles in our community as youth leaders; and

WHEREAS, both Federick and Gabriel have received over 20 distinctive recognitions including, but not limited to, receiving the 2018 Silver Knight Nominations in the categories of Mathematics and General Scholarship, being named a 2018 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists, receiving the 2017 National Spanish Scholars Awards and AP Scholars Awards, and most recently receiving admission to Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, at TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Federick A. Gonzalez founded the “404 Club” focusing on his passion for computer science by teaching middle school students how to code. Additionally, he serves as the Co-Vice President of the TERRA French Honor Society and is the 2017 Leadership coordinator for the National Honor Society. Gabriel S. Gonzalez serves as the Co-President at the Terra Vex Club, President of the Terra National Honor Society and as the Co-Vice President of the TERRA French Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Federick and Gabriel have also demonstrated a passion to serve our community through their extensive volunteerism by undertaking various leadership roles. Since 2015, both Federick and Gabriel have served as members of the prestigious Miami-Dade County Youth Commission Board, articulating the needs of youth in our County; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez are to be commended for their extraordinary academic achievements in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for their service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Federick A. Gonzalez and Mr. Gabriel S. Gonzalez from TERRA Environmental Research Institute.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary