

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-064 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF
1969 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami Senior High School opened its doors in 1902 as the first senior high school in Miami-Dade County. In 1928, the school moved to its current historic site, a masterful work of Spanish Mediterranean-inspired architecture. Listed as a Nationally Registered Historical Landmark since 1991, the school was renovated and expanded in 2004, returning it to its historic beauty.

Since opening its doors, our community's beloved Miami Senior High School has been a source of pride for thousands of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni. Students attending Miami Senior share a special sense of school spirit and pride regarding the school's storied history, traditions, and record of excellence in academics and athletics. The unique spirit and pride one acquires for Miami Senior High School lasts a lifetime. Students and alumni proclaim, "Once a Stingaree, Always a Stingaree!" No better example of this life-long school pride can be found than among the alumni of the Miami Senior High School Class of 1969, which celebrated its 50th graduation anniversary in June of this year.

In 1969, approximately 5,000 students attended Miami Senior, with a graduating class of 1,200 students. The Class of 1969 represented and embraced the changing demographics and growing diversity of Miami in the 1960s. Many young immigrants, mostly from Cuba, found their footing in their new nation while attending Miami Senior's feeder elementary and junior high schools before making their way to the halls of Miami Senior to be joined by students who were often the siblings or sons and daughters of previous Miami Senior graduates. This mix of nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures made for a vibrant and diverse population with the school providing opportunities for success and acceptance for all. Shared pride in their school mattered more than differences in language or background.

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Today, many of Miami Senior's 1969 graduates continue to reside in Miami, while others are living around the state and across the nation. They have contributed much to their communities in a variety of fields including elected office, public service, medicine, science, law, architecture, engineering, education, social service, business, management, the arts, and the trades. Many of these former classmates have also remained life-long friends and often have gathered to share their families, life stories and high school remembrances at class events and reunions held every five years. Others stay in touch through the class message forum. Each graduate's story differs, but one common denominator is unmistakable – each carries the pride in being a Stingaree and graduate of Miami Senior High School.

Given their lifetime of accomplishments and achievements and their deep sense of pride in their high school, it is appropriate to recognize and commemorate Miami Senior High School's Class of 1969 on the 50th anniversary of its graduation.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Senior High School Class of 1969 on its 50th anniversary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF
1969 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, our community's beloved Miami Senior High School has been a source of pride for thousands of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni since occupying its current historic location in 1928; and

WHEREAS, students and alumni of Miami Senior High School share a special sense of school spirit and pride regarding the school's storied history, traditions, and record of excellence in academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, approximately 5,000 students attended Miami Senior, with 1,200 students graduating and with the school's student body representing and embracing the changing demographics and growing diversity of Miami in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the mix of nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures in 1969 made for a vibrant and diverse population with the school providing opportunities for success and acceptance for all and where shared pride in their school mattered more than differences in language or background; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Senior High School Class of 1969 has contributed to their home communities in a variety of fields including elected office, public service, medicine, science, law, architecture, engineering, education, social service, business, management, the arts, and the trades; and

WHEREAS, given their lifetime of accomplishments and achievements and their deep sense of pride in their high school, it is appropriate to recognize and commemorate Miami Senior High School's Class of 1969 on the 50th anniversary of its graduation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Senior High School Class of 1969 on its 50th anniversary.

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

Presented this eleventh day of December, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary