

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-008 OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 RECOGNIZING MR. MONTY TRAINER**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Considered a Miami icon and local legend, Monty Trainer has distinguished himself throughout 30 years of service and philanthropy to the city. Born in Key West, he graduated from the University of Florida in 1967 and found his way down to Miami where he opened his namesake restaurant in 1969. He would go on to become a neighborhood visionary and Coconut Grove institution, inextricably linked to one of our most historic, diverse and dynamic communities in Miami.

Symbolic of the culture and distinctive style of 'The Grove', Mr. Trainer has helped to shape the cultural, business, and commercial landscape of this beloved and unique enclave. He currently serves as president of the nonprofit Coconut Grove Arts & Historical Association, the presenting organization of the nationally recognized Coconut Grove Arts Festival (CGAF). The annual festival has often been named the top fine arts festival in the nation by Sunshine Artist Magazine, and remains among the top fine art event in the history of the magazine's *200 Best*. The CGAF has grown into an internationally recognized, juried show that attracts more than 120,000 visitors a year over President's Day Weekend to view the works of about 360 artists. The three-day event encompasses visual arts, musical performances and culinary demonstrations, among other family-friendly entertainment. Proceeds from the event help fund year-round arts programs. The association also maintains the Gallery @ CGAF and presents special exhibitions throughout the year from its location at the Mayfair in the Grove. Since its inception in 1963, the association has awarded hundreds of scholarships to students who attend fine arts programs in local schools. An avid supporter of the arts and education, Mr. Trainer has inspired generations of these students to pursue their passion and grow as artists.

Mr. Trainer has been honored as one of Miami-Dade's Top Executives by the South Florida Business Journal and by The Theodore Roosevelt Gibson Memorial Fund for his many years of service to the community. He is a past chair of the New World School of the Arts and currently serves on its Executive Board. He serves on the advisory committee of the Miami Dade College Culinary Institute, the executive board of the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Coconut Grove Business Improvement District and is a long term member of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council. Additionally, Mr. Trainer is the chairman of Miami Dade County Days, the Big Orange New Year's Eve Celebration, and the Greater Miami Host Committee, which has been instrumental in bringing many tourist events, such as previous Super Bowls, to Miami. He continues to avidly support both his alma maters, the University of Florida and University of Miami, through his alumni membership in the Florida Blue Key and the UM Iron Arrow Society.

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Mr. Trainer's humble disposition and true love for the place he calls home continues to endear him to not just our community but to an international audience of art lovers. His legacy of activism and philanthropy will make an indelible mark on his beloved city and neighborhood.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 20-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Monty Trainer for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the community and arts.

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RECOGNIZING MR. MONTY TRAINER FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
AND COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS

WHEREAS, Monty Trainer has distinguished himself throughout 30 years of service and philanthropy to the city. Born in Key West, he graduated from the University of Florida in 1967 and found his way down to Miami where he opened his namesake restaurant in 1969. He would go on to become a neighborhood visionary and Coconut Grove institution, inextricably linked to one of our most historic, diverse and dynamic communities in Miami. Symbolic of the culture and distinctive style of 'The Grove', Mr. Trainer has helped to shape the cultural, business, and commercial landscape of this beloved and unique enclave; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Presented this twelfth day of February, A.D. 2020

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary