

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF JOSE MARTÍ, CUBAN PATRIOT AND STATESMAN

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The School Board of Miami-Dade County recognizes the significance of the life and work of Jose Martí for the people of Cuba and the Americas on the occasion of the 151st anniversary of his birth. As a poet, educator and statesman, Martí embodied many of the character traits we seek to instill in our schoolchildren and strive to display ourselves.

Jose Martí understood the impact of education on the future of a society. As he wrote himself, "Education is like a tree; the seed is sown, and it opens out into many branches."

As a patriot, many of Martí's words and actions still bear significance in our current day in age. The resolve of the Cuban people for a free homeland were in his mind when he wrote: "there is a time when tyranny is blinded and lets itself be overcome by the brilliance and determination of liberty."

On this occasion, Miami-Dade County Public Schools pays tribute to Jose Martí and encourages all students, teachers and staff to participate in a community celebration and parade in his honor on Wednesday, January 28th.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, pay tribute to Jose Martí on the occasion of the 151st anniversary of his birth and encourages all students, teachers, parents and staff to participate in a community celebration and parade in his honor on Wednesday, January 28th.