

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION NO. 03-59
FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. HORACIO AGUIRRE, DIRECTOR,
DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Dr. Horacio Aguirre began his editorial career at the "El Panamá América" newspaper, in 1948 while pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Panamá. Three years later, he moved to Miami and on the 4th of July 1953, became the founding Editor and Editorial Writer of Diario Las Américas, Miami's original Spanish language daily newspaper. Dr. Aguirre is currently the Director of Diario Las Américas which has been continuously published for the past 50 years.

During this time period, Dr. Aguirre has held a number of civic and public service positions, to mention a few, Committee President of International Affairs, Vice-President of Free Press and Information Committee, member of the World Press Freedom Committee, World Association of Newspapers and Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Española. Additionally, he has received numerous awards such as, "Orden del Mérito", "Hombre del Año", "Orden de Isabel la Católica", Doctor Honoris Causa en Periodismo, Gran Cruz del Mérito Civil de España, issued by King Juan Carlos I of Spain, Nova Southeastern University Hispanic Advisory Board Honoree, The Spanish-American League Against Discrimination (S.A.L.A.D.) Award and countless other recognitions from prestigious organizations, universities and Hispanic governments too numerous to enumerate.

For this, and his indefatigable fight for the freedom of the press, minority rights, and justice, and his life-long contributions to our world community, it is appropriate that this School Board recognize Dr. Horacio Aguirre with a proclamation in his honor.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-59 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Horacio Aguirre, Director, Diario Las Américas, for his life-long contributions to our world community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-59
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING DR. HORACIO AGUIRRE, DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS, FOR HIS
LIFE-LONG CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre began his newspaper career at “El Panamá América” in 1948 while pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Panamá; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre, after moving to Miami on July 4, 1953, became the founding editor for Diario Las Américas, Miami’s original Spanish language daily newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre is the director of Diario Las Américas, which has been continuously published for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre has held a number of civic and public service positions that have resulted in significant contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre, a man of impeccable editorial integrity, has fought with indefatigable might for freedom of the press, minority rights and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horacio Aguirre exemplifies the belief that informed citizens help make our community strong;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-59 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Horacio Aguirre, Director, Diario Las Américas, for his life-long contributions to our community.

Presented this fourteenth day of January, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary