

Mrs. Manty Sabatés Morse, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-17 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENDING  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Coral Gables Senior High School opened in 1950 with such innovations as streamlined desks, fluorescent lighting, classroom intercoms, and acoustic tiles for soundproofing its study halls. Its innovations heralded a rich and successful chapter in the history of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Today Coral Gables Senior High School is considered one of the best high schools in the nation. Among its many honors, Coral Gables was cited as one of the top 100 high schools in America in a recent poll by *Newsweek*.

Academically, numerous national and state awards won by Coral Gables Senior High School and its students have contributed to the school's top standing. It has more Silver Knight award winners than any other school. Its celebrated alumni include former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno; the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in music, Ellen Taaffe Zwillich; two astronauts; Olympic gold medal winners; top journalists; leading actors and actresses and heads of major corporations. In recent years Coral Gables Senior High School has been nationally recognized for its Internet projects on the Holocaust and slavery in North America.

Another reason for the school's renown is its international image. The district's first International Baccalaureate program was launched at Coral Gables Senior High School, and today it has one of the largest International Baccalaureate diploma schools in the world, with more than 600 students. Its international student population hails from 50 different nations. The school's International Baccalaureate program and diverse student body are used to attract international businesses by the City of Coral Gables, presently home to 150 multinational corporations.

In commemoration of its splendid record of achievement spanning a half-century, it is proposed that the School Board honor Coral Gables Senior High School on its 50th anniversary.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**  
**MRS. MANTY SABATÉS MORSE:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-17 commending Coral Gables Senior High School on its 50th Anniversary.

MSM:bd

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
COMMENDING CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, Coral Gables Senior High School opened in 1950 as a state-of-the-art facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the school's students have earned numerous honors and awards, including the recent inclusion in *Newsweek's* list of the top 100 high schools in America; and

**WHEREAS**, its students have gone on to international acclaim as a U.S. Attorney General, two Pulitzer Prize winners, two astronauts, two Olympic gold medal winners, and recipients of numerous other honors and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Coral Gables Senior High School has been nationally recognized for its Internet projects on the Holocaust and slavery in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the school has one of the largest International Baccalaureate programs in the world, and its outstanding International Baccalaureate program and diverse student body have helped the City of Coral Gables attract 150 multinational corporations, which have opened local offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-17 commending Coral Gables Senior High School on its 50th Anniversary.

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

Presented this 18th day of April, A. D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

Attest:

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Secretary