

January 14, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-03 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING DR.
NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU FOR HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND
HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS**

The belief that there is still much to do to eradicate the legacy of three centuries of racial oppression is what encourages Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu to continue to speak out all over the world to diverse groups about apartheid and the continuing struggle in South Africa. Apart from lecturing, Naomi, daughter of South African Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu founded and chaired the Tutu Foundation which helped South African refugees and awarded them scholarships so that they could learn skills that would make them self-supporting while in exile as well as prepare them for constructive roles in the free South Africa.

Since 1979, Dr. Tutu has made numerous public addresses on different aspects of the South African situation at schools, churches, colleges and universities across the United States and Europe. Dr. Tutu served as a consulting associate in sub-Saharan Africa and in South Africa looking into educational and professional opportunities for black women. She has taught courses on development issues and education in Africa at the universities of Hartford and Connecticut and Brevard College in North Carolina. Dr. Tutu also worked at the University of Cape Town. She was program coordinator at the African Gender Institute and was in charge of programs on race, gender and gender-based violence in education. She is currently program coordinator for the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

Dr. Tutu, who adheres to the belief that the opportunities she has had in life afford her a special responsibility to serve, has made many contributions to Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These contributions range from the delivery of a keynote address at the district's annual 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity to its Cultural Diversity and Intergroup Relations Conference.

Revised

As a true ambassador of civil rights and freedom, Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu deserves a resolution honoring her from this Board.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-03 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu for her outstanding leadership and humanitarian efforts.

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**REVISED
REPLACEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 02-03
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING DR. NONTOMBI NAOMI TUTU FOR HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu continues to lecture all over the world about apartheid and the continuing struggle in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu believes that there is still much to do to eradicate the legacy of three centuries of racial oppression; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu founded and chaired the Tutu Foundation which helped South African refugees by providing scholarships so that they could learn skills that would make them self-supporting while in exile as well as prepare them for constructive roles in the free South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, Dr. Tutu has made numerous public addresses on different aspects of the South African situation at schools, churches, colleges and universities across the United States and Europe and has served as a consulting associate in sub-Saharan Africa and in South Africa looking into educational and professional opportunities for black women; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu has taught courses on development issues and education in Africa at the Universities of Hartford and Connecticut and Brevard College in North Carolina and also has worked at the University of Cape Town as a program coordinator at the African Gender Institute where she was in charge of programs on race, gender and gender-based violence in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu continues to serve Miami-Dade County Public Schools by speaking at school-related events and by advocating an Africa Sister School partnership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutu adheres to the belief that the opportunities that she has had in life afford her a special responsibility to serve and is a true ambassador of civil rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 02-03 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Nontombi Naomi Tutu for her outstanding leadership and humanitarian efforts.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary