

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-20 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MS. SIMINE HEISE, PRINCIPAL, MAYA ANGELOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR BEING AWARDED THE "CHEVALIER DANS L'ORDRE DES PALMES ACADÉMIQUES" DIPLOMA BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Created in 1808 by Emperor Napoleon I, the "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" diploma is the oldest honorific distinction given to a civilian by the French Government's Ministry of Education. Individuals bestowed with this honor have distinguished themselves by their promotion of the French language and culture as well as related extracurricular and educational activities.

Recently, Ms. Simine Heise, principal of Maya Angelou Elementary School, was named recipient of this prestigious honor. She was recognized for her service, dedication to the education of youth and leadership in the international education community.

Therefore, it is appropriate that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join with French officials in recognizing Ms. Heise for her outstanding achievements. Her tireless work and professional contributions will have a lasting impact on students and education.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-20 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ms. Simine Heise, Principal, Maya Angelou Elementary School, for being awarded the "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" diploma by the French Ministry of Education.

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REPLACEMENT
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING MS. SIMINE HEISE, PRINCIPAL, MAYA ANGELOU ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, FOR BEING AWARDED THE "CHEVALIER DANS L'ORDRE DES PALMES
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WHEREAS, the "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" diploma, the oldest French honorific distinction awarded civilians, was created in 1808 by French Emperor Napoleon I and is given by the French Ministry of Education; and

WHEREAS, outside of France, nominations for the order are made under the initiative of the head of diplomatic or consular posts; and

WHEREAS, individuals presented with the "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" diploma distinguish themselves by their promotion of the French language and culture, by their personal and/or professional contributions to education and by their involvement in relative extracurricular and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, award of the Palmes Académiques is a very important way for diplomatic and consular posts to support actions taken to establish good relationships between France and other nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-20 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ms. Simine Heise, Principal, Maya Angelou Elementary School, for being awarded the "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" diploma by the French Ministry of Education.

Presented this seventeenth day of April A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary