

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 15, 2002

May 6, 2002

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTH
FLORIDA AND ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH THE "HISTORY MYSTERIES"
FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM**

The Historical Museum of South Florida has partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools since 1974 in exposing the school children of our community to their local history and its diverse communities. Through various programs and museum visits, this partnership has created an excitement for history and supplemented the social studies curriculum inside the classroom with hands-on experiential activities.

In 1984, this relationship was formalized with the development of History Mysteries, a joint program for fourth-graders which serves 12,500 students annually and has served 250,000 since its inception. This exposure has left an indelible imprint in the minds of our youth and will ensure that our citizens have a strong understanding and appreciation for our community's history and culture.

Details of this agenda item will be forthcoming.