

May 10, 2007

Agustin J. Barrera, School Board Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-29 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING
DR. JOSEPH W. UNDERWOOD FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME AND FOR HIS TIRELESS
DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
AND TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY WORK
ENVIRONMENT**

After more than 20 years of service as an educator in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Joseph W. Underwood, a television production and moviemaking teacher at Miami Senior High School, has been notified that he will be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame at a ceremony to be held June 14-16, 2007, in Emporia, Kansas.

Dr. Underwood is one of only five teachers in the nation to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame this year. He learned of this special honor at a surprise ceremony at Miami Senior High School on April 19, 2007.

Dr. Underwood has challenged students to realize that there is a champion in each of them. He has taught his students to excel in the classroom and on the playing field. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to education and is viewed as a leader and innovator at Miami Senior High School. Dr. Underwood continually prepares his students for the workforce, for college, and for life.

There is good cause to vary from the established agenda in order to recognize Dr. Joseph W. Underwood in a timely manner

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-29 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Joseph W. Underwood for his induction into the National Teacher Hall of Fame and for his tireless dedication to the students of Miami Senior High School and to the Miami-Dade County School District. There is no cost to the District.

**GOOD CAUSE
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**RESOLUTION NO. 07-29
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROUDLY HONORS DR. JOSEPH W. UNDERWOOD FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE
NATIONAL TEACHER HALL OF FAME, AND FOR HIS TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE
STUDENTS OF MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph W. Underwood has been elected into the National Teachers Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood has dedicated more than 20 years of service as an educator in Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood has challenged students to realize that there is a champion in each of them; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood has taught students to excel in the classroom and on the playing field; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood has received numerous awards for his contribution to education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood is viewed as a leader and innovator at Miami Senior High; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Underwood continually prepare students for the workforce, for college, and for life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida hereby proudly honors Dr. Joseph W. Underwood for his induction into the National Teacher Hall of Fame, and for his tireless dedication to the students of Miami Senior High School and to the Miami-Dade County School District.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY