

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-08 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA CONGRATULATING BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH TIM HARRIS FOR BEING NAMED USA TODAY 2007 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AND MIAMI DOLPHINS COACH OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING, DIVERSE AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF

Booker T. Washington Senior High School head football coach Tim Harris has been recognized as USA Today 2007 National Coach of the Year and Miami Dolphins Coach of the Year.

Coach Harris is a graduate of Miami Jackson Senior High School. Coach Harris began his football coaching career in 1986 as an Assistant Football Coach at Miami Senior High School. He has also coached at Miami Central and Miami Northwestern senior high schools. He began his career as a head football coach in 2003 at Booker T. Washington Senior High School. Under his leadership, the football program continued to achieve a level of success and respect for the school and community. His motto reflects that "we are the base from which our students will build their education through athletics, and the key is discipline above all."

This season, Coach Harris led the Tornados to a 14-0 record and to a FHSAA Class 4A state championship victory after four consecutive trips to the state semifinals. This marked the first state football title for Booker T. Washington Senior High School since reopening as a high school in 1999. During Coach Harris' five year tenure, Booker T. Washington has attained several team titles including five District and Regional championships with an overall record of 62-7.

Coach Harris has received numerous honors, including the 2003 through 2007 NFL Miami Dolphins Coach of the Year, the 2003 - 2004 Miami Herald Coach of the Year, the 2004-2005 Florida High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and the 2004 through 2007 Florida Dairy Farmers 4A Coach of the Year. In addition, Coach Harris led Booker T. Washington's track and field team to a state championship last May and was recognized as the 2007 FHSAA Class 3A Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Coach Harris' tireless efforts have been demonstrated not only by the success of the football program, but also by the number of scholarships awarded yearly to student athletes attending various major colleges and universities around the country. The positive impact that Coach Harris has had at Booker T. Washington Senior High School and the community is immeasurable.

**GOOD CAUSE
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-08, congratulating Booker T. Washington Senior High School Head Football Coach Tim Harris for being named USA Today 2007 National Coach of the Year and Miami Dolphins Coach of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-08 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONGRATULATING BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL
COACH TIM HARRIS FOR BEING NAMED USA TODAY 2007 NATIONAL COACH OF THE
YEAR AND MIAMI DOLPHINS COACH OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington Senior High School head football coach Tim Harris has been recognized as USA Today 2007 National Coach of the Year and Miami Dolphins Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Miami Jackson Senior High School, Coach Harris began his football coaching career in 1986 at Miami Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harris led the Booker T. Washington Tornadoes to a 14-0 record this season and to a 2007 FHSAA Class 4A state championship victory after four consecutive trips to the state semifinals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harris' motto reflects that "we are the base from which our students will build their education through athletics, and the key is discipline above all;" and

WHEREAS, Coach Harris' tireless efforts have resulted in numerous scholarships awarded yearly to student athletes attending various major colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harris has received numerous honors, including those presented by USA Today, the Miami Dolphins, the Miami Herald, the Florida High School Coaches Association, and the Florida Dairy Farmers, for his coaching efforts in the sports of football and track and field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-08, congratulating Booker T. Washington Senior High School Head Football Coach Tim Harris for being named USA Today 2007 National Coach of the Year and Miami Dolphins Coach of the Year.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY