Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of July 15, 2008

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-72 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING JOELLA C. GOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE EASTERN UNITED STATES MENTAL MATHEMATICS

COMPETITION

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

**ENGAGEMENT** 

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:

DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The study of mathematics is important to everyday life and to preparing students for careers in various fields such as science, technology, engineering, medicine, physics, and accounting. On May 14, 2008, fifth-grade students from Joella C. Good Elementary School participated in the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition. Competition at the state level has been held annually since 1984 and at the national level since 1999. This year, six students from Joella C. Good Elementary School competed against school teams from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. The Joella C. Good students competed in a preliminary round and in a lightning round for finalists. As a result of their efforts, the team from Joella C. Good Elementary School was awarded a first-place finish and the overall team title in the elementary school division of the competition.

The team members participating in the competition were: Freddy Espinar, Jonathan Jhones, Bryan Morant, Jaime Osorio, Bertin Reyes, and Ashley Sanchez. The students were coached by Mr. Stephen Herndon and Ms. Jacqueline Cobb, who were recognized as the 2008 Math/Teacher Coaches of the Year for the Eastern United States. Ms. Lizette G. O'Halloran, Principal, Joella C. Good Elementary School, received the Award of Special Recognition in the elementary school division for her leadership in helping the school win the coveted title.

Principal O'Halloran, the students, and teachers of Joella C. Good Elementary School are to be commended for their dedication and outstanding performance at the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-72 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Joella C. Good Elementary School for winning the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition.

## RESOLUTION NO. 08-72 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING JOELLA C. GOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE EASTERN UNITED STATES MENTAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

**WHEREAS**, the study of mathematics is important to everyday life and to preparing students for careers in various fields such as science, technology, engineering, medicine, physics, and accounting; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2008, fifth-grade students from Joella C. Good Elementary School participated in the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of their efforts, the team from Joella C. Good Elementary School was awarded a first-place finish and the overall team title in the elementary school division of the competition; and

WHEREAS, the team members participating in the competition were Freddy Espinar, Jonathan Jhones, Bryan Morant, Jaime Osorio, Bertin Reyes, and Ashley Sanchez; and

WHEREAS, coaches Stephen Herndon and Jacqueline Cobb were recognized as the 2008 Math/Teacher Coaches of the Year for the Eastern United States and Principal Lizette G. O'Halloran received the Award of Special Recognition in the elementary school division; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal O'Halloran, the students, and teachers of Joella C. Good Elementary School are to be commended for their dedication and outstanding performance at the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-72 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Joella C. Good Elementary School for winning the Eastern United States Mental Mathematics Competition.

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

## Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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