

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-75 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LILIA P. GARCIA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Lilia P. Garcia has dedicated more than 36 years serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). A strong believer in the value of an education, Ms. Garcia earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, a master's degree from Florida International University, and a specialist in administration from Nova Southeastern University. A prolific writer, profound thinker, and an exemplary leader and educator, Ms. Garcia most recently served as the Administrative Director, Division of Life Skills and Special Projects, for M-DCPS. In this capacity, Ms. Garcia was responsible for the oversight of the visual arts, music, theatre arts, dance, film, and design programs, as well as other programs in the Division of Life Skills and Special Projects.

Ms. Garcia is an innovator whose vision and leadership have contributed significantly to the growth of arts education, music, drama, dance, and the humanities in M-DCPS. Through her creativity, professionalism, and pioneering spirit, Ms. Garcia has spearheaded countless award-winning programs in schools, such as the Visiting Artists' Program and the nationally recognized Museum Education Program. Ms. Garcia is passionate about arts education, and she strongly believes that "the arts are a powerful tool, and can be used as a way to help children from different cultures understand each other and become successful, productive and creative citizens."

In addition to her work in education, Ms. Garcia sits on numerous national, state, and local boards and is the past president of the prestigious Coconut Grove Arts Festival. She has been the recipient of several awards including the MAXIE Award for cultural contributions to Miami and *Parents Magazine's* "As They Grow" Award for her outstanding contributions to art education and her commitment to fostering talent in aspiring art students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-75 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lilia P. Garcia for her many years of dedicated service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Lilia P. Garcia has dedicated more than 36 years serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

WHEREAS, a strong believer in the value of an education, Ms. Garcia earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, a master's degree from Florida International University, and a specialist in administration from Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, profound thinker, and an exemplary leader and educator, Ms. Garcia most recently served as the District's Administrative Director, Division of Life Skills and Special Projects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia is an innovator whose vision and leadership have contributed significantly to the growth of arts education, music, drama, dance, and the humanities in M-DCPS; and

WHEREAS, through her creativity, professionalism, and pioneering spirit, Ms. Garcia has spearheaded countless award-winning programs in schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garcia is passionate about arts education, and she strongly believes that "the arts are a powerful tool, and can be used as a way to help children from different cultures understand each other and become successful, productive and creative citizens;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-75 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lilia P. Garcia for her many years of dedicated service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary