

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-17 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA MARLINS FOR THEIR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY, AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Florida Marlins have proven to be an integral partner to Miami-Dade County Public Schools through their continuing commitment and dedication to supporting multiple educational and community initiatives in our District.

Through their competitive classroom learning programs such as Marlins @ School, High School Media Day, Get Hooked on Reading with Billy the Marlin, and Billy's Bunch Summer Reading Series, the Florida Marlins deliver fun educational alternatives to traditional learning methods. These programs serve to enhance the overall academic experience of Miami-Dade students and challenge their creativity in the classroom.

In addition to their contributions to educational initiatives in our schools, the Florida Marlins also remain committed to education through their support of nationwide programs such as Teach for America. Through their support of Teach for America, the Florida Marlins sponsor a select number of teachers each year in Miami-Dade County. Their support for students has also taken the Florida Marlins to partner with the City of Hialeah and Major League Baseball to bring the first state-of-the-art "Urban Youth Baseball Academy" to our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-17, recognizing the Florida Marlins for their continuing commitment to educational initiatives and contributions to the community

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09-17 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA MARLINS FOR THEIR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO
EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Florida Marlins have proven to be an integral partner to Miami-Dade County Public Schools through their ongoing support in the education of our students;

WHEREAS, the Florida Marlins have enhanced educational opportunities for many of our students through their competitive classroom learning programs such as Marlins @ School, High School Media Day, Get Hooked on Reading with Billy the Marlin, and Billy's Bunch Summer Reading Series;

WHEREAS, the Florida Marlins continue to demonstrate their commitment to the community with their continued support of Teach for America and their partnership with Major League Baseball and the City of Hialeah in creating the "Urban Youth Baseball Academy" here in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Marlins are deserving of appreciation and recognition for the support they extend to our students and this school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-17 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Florida Marlins for their continuing support of educational initiatives and contributions to the community and especially the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this 11th day of February, 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Dr. Solomon Stinson, Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary