

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-24 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING HIALEAH-MIAMI LAKES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE AT THE REGIONAL NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL COMPETITION

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

Students with an interest in marine science recently competed in the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) competition held on February 7, 2009. Each year, regional competitions are held at 25 locations across the country. Student teams test their knowledge of scientific and technical disciplines through quick answer buzzer questions and more complex team challenge questions. The winning team from each of the 25 regional competitions is provided transportation and room and board to advance to the finals.

Several Miami-Dade County public schools participated in the event, including MAST Academy, G. Holmes Braddock, Hialeah-Miami Lakes, Miami Beach, and Miami Palmetto senior high schools. At the conclusion of the final round of competition, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School was named the winner of the regional NOSB. As the first place winner, the Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School team will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the 12th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl, on April 25-27, 2009. This is the school's first NOSB finals competition.

The NOSB is a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed high school academic competition that provides a forum for talented students to test their knowledge of the marine sciences, including biology, chemistry, physics, and geology. The NOSB was created in 1998 in honor of the International Year of the Ocean.

Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School science teacher Kirk Nieveen, and team members Kevin Montiel, Diana Leon, Barbara Rassi, and Christian Vazquez are to be commended for their dedication and outstanding performance at the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl competition.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-24 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School for winning first place at the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl competition.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
HIALEAH-MIAMI LAKES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE AT
THE REGIONAL NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, the National Ocean Sciences Bowl is a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed high school academic competition that provides a forum for talented students to test their knowledge of the marine sciences, including biology, chemistry, physics, and geology; and

WHEREAS, student teams tested their knowledge of scientific and technical disciplines at the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl competition, on February 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the final round of competition, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School secured first place in the competition; and

WHEREAS, as the first place winner, the Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School team will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete against other regional champions in the 12th Annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl, on April 25-27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School science teacher Kirk Nieveen, and team members Kevin Montiel, Diana Leon, Barbara Rassi, and Christian Vazquez are to be commended for their dedication and outstanding performance at the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-24 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School for winning first place at the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl competition.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary