

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-67 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND SERVICE OF THE JOINT
MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND
MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The month of May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month, honoring the service of our current military service members, as well as past veterans, many of whom live in our community and whose families attend Miami Dade County Schools.

Miami Dade County is home to several active duty, reserve and National Guard military units, many of whom have served with courage and great distinction in recent combat operations and continue to protect and defend our freedoms every day. Our county also houses the U.S. Southern Command, a major combatant command located in the City of Doral. SouthCom employs almost 2,000 civilian and military personnel and focuses on safety, security and building alliances in our Western Hemisphere. The Homestead Air Reserve Base is also located in Miami-Dade County, where units of the 482nd Fighter Wing, SOCSOUTH, the Coast Guard, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other civilian and military units employ thousands of South Floridians that protect our borders, serve abroad in combat theatres, and work with our allies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Miami is also home to Coast Guard District Seven, the busiest Coast Guard District in the nation, with thousands of active, reserve and auxiliary personnel involved in a variety of critical military and homeland security missions, both domestically and overseas. The Miami VA's Bruce W. Carter Hospital, the Vet Center, The American Red Cross, and the soon-to-be-built Fisher House also employ hundreds of county individuals and provide ongoing physical and mental health services, therapy and counseling for our community's military veterans and their families.

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It is estimated that the military community in Miami-Dade County provides an economic impact of \$3.6 Billion including over 47,000 direct or indirect jobs that are created as a result of local defense spending.

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Within this environment, the Military Affairs Committees (MACs) of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Chamber South, and the Homestead Chamber of Commerce, provide ongoing valuable support from the business community and civic leaders to South Florida's military community. The Miami-Dade Defense Alliance, supported by The State of Florida and the Beacon Council, offers valuable financial and organizational support for the promotion and maintenance of South Florida as a home for military activity, bringing with it multi-billion dollars in economic activity. The Vision Council of South Dade similarly supports military activity in South Dade. These groups have banded together to leverage their relationships and influence as part of the Joint Military Affairs Committee.

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges and appreciates the valuable ongoing work, volunteerism, and contributions to our community of the thousands of men and women serving in uniform and as civilian employees of the military and related federal organizations.

In addition, Miami-Dade County Public Schools salutes the sacrifice of those South Floridians, and their families, who have been wounded, killed, or otherwise affected by past and ongoing military operations. We support and highlight the importance of the contribution from volunteers, employees, and employers involved in all civilian and military support organizations that champion and assist our veterans, men and women in uniform, their families, and ultimately the students of Miami-Dade County.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-67 of The School Board of the Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and service of the Joint Military Affairs Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-67
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
WORK AND SERVICE OF THE JOINT MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month, honoring the service of our current military service members, as well as past veterans, many of whom live in our community and whose families attend Miami-Dade County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade County is home to several active duty, reserve and National Guard military units, many of whom have served with courage and great distinction in recent combat operations and continue to protect and defend our freedoms every day ; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Military Affairs Committee provides ongoing support and assistance to our reserve and Guard components as well as active duty units operating at US Southern Command, Homestead Air Reserve Base, District Seven Coast Guard and other locations throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Military Affairs Committee encourages the work of the Miami VA Bruce W. Carter Hospital, the Vet Center, The American Red Cross, Fisher House, ESGR, and other veteran-related and military support organizations; and

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WHEREAS, the Joint Military Affairs Committee is comprised of the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Chamber South, the Homestead Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance and the Vision Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 09-67 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and service of the Joint Military Affairs Committee.

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

Presented this twentieth day of May, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary
