

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-55 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER DARRYL B. BAKER FOR BEING NAMED A RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH-QUALITY WORK ENVIRONMENT

On February 12, 2009, Governor Charlie Crist celebrated Black History Month with more than 200 community leaders, educators and students from across Florida, whom he addressed by saying "today we celebrate the contributions of past and present generations of African-Americans and look forward with great hope and anticipation to the promise of future generations."

During the ceremony, the Governor honored three outstanding African-American educators with the 2009 Black History Month Excellence in Education Award for their contributions to education. The recipients were nominated by students and peers. Each received an award check for \$1,500 in addition to a \$250 gift certificate from Scholastic for educational materials.

Miami Springs Middle School social studies teacher Darryl B. Baker was one of the outstanding educators recognized by the Governor with this prestigious award. Mr. Baker is a strong supporter of the African American Voices curriculum. He is the site director of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence program and sponsors the Theodore Gibson Oratorical Poetry Contest. A dedicated educator, he advocates community involvement in his students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-55, recognizing Miami Springs Middle School teacher Darryl B. Baker for being named a recipient of the 2009 Black History Month Excellence in Education Award.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER
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WHEREAS, the role of teachers in the classroom is integral to the overall success of students, and can serve to foster a long-term love and appreciation for learning; and

WHEREAS, Darryl B. Baker is an exemplary educator who plays a vital role in advancing the education of his students in and outside the classroom, as reflected through his work with the Take Stock in America Program, the Black History Brain Bowl, and the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker makes a significant impact in the lives of his students by teaching them to get involved in their community and to take pride in their school; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his tireless efforts, he has been recognized by Florida Governor Charlie Crist as a recipient of the 2009 Black History Month Excellence in Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is deserving of our deepest appreciation and recognition for his remarkable contributions to our students and this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-55 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Springs Middle School teacher Darryl B. Baker for being named a recipient of the 2009 Black History Month Excellence in Education Award.

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