

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-107 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. OFELIA TABARES-FERNANDEZ FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND ECONOMY

Dr. Ofelia Tabares-Fernandez has dedicated a lifetime of service to the cultural enrichment of our community. As founder and president of the Cuban Museum, Inc., Dr. Tabares-Fernandez works to preserve and share historical documents, literature, art, and memorabilia inherent to the Cuban cultural heritage with the South Florida community. The Cuban Museum, Inc. has enabled our community to learn about the heritage of the Cuban people through the presentation of a multitude of cultural activities and educational opportunities.

An advocate for community service and volunteerism, Dr. Tabares-Fernandez is the founder of several civic organizations, including the Cuban Women's Club and the Cuban Patriotic Educational Board. In addition, she was a founding member, vice president, and treasurer of the Cuban Museum of Arts and Culture. She has served on the Board of Directors for several organizations, including the Girl Scouts Council of Tropical Florida, United Family and Children's Services, Council for the Continuous Education of Women, and the March of Dimes.

Dr. Tabares-Fernandez has been recognized by several organizations for her outstanding professional and community service, including the Cuban Accountants in Exile, the Dade Business and Professional Women's Club, and Florida International University. She has also been the recipient of several awards, including the Dr. Juan J. Remos Award, the Floridana Award, and the Lincoln-Martí Award. Dr. Tabares-Fernandez's work in our community is a testament to her commitment to the preservation of Cuban cultural heritage for the benefit of generations of South Floridians.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-107 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Ofelia Tabares-Fernandez for her outstanding contributions to our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-107
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. OFELIA TABARES-FERNANDEZ FOR HER OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Ofelia Tabares-Fernandez has dedicated a lifetime of service to the cultural enrichment of our community; and

WHEREAS, as founder and president of the Cuban Museum, Inc., Dr. Tabares-Fernandez works to preserve and share historical documents, literature, art, and memorabilia inherent to the Cuban cultural heritage with the South Florida community; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for community service and volunteerism, Dr. Tabares-Fernandez is the founder of several civic organizations, including the Cuban Women's Club and the Cuban Patriotic Educational Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tabares-Fernandez has been recognized by several organizations for her outstanding professional and community service, including the Cuban Accountants in Exile, the Dade Business and Professional Women's Club, and Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tabares-Fernandez's work in our community is a testament to her commitment to the preservation of Cuban cultural heritage for the benefit of generations of South Floridians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-107 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Ofelia Tabares-Fernandez for her outstanding contributions to our community.

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

Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary