

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNUS AND OCEANOGRAPHER EVAN FORDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

As the first black oceanographer to explore the underwater canyons of the Atlantic Ocean in a two-man submersible, Evan Forde is a pioneer and innovator of oceanography. Mr. Forde is a proud Miami-Dade County Public Schools alumnus who attended Miami Carol City Senior High School as well as Rainbow and Bunche Park elementary schools before earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology and Marine Geology and Geophysics at Columbia University.

Mr. Forde is an oceanographer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Atlantic Meteorological Laboratory in Miami. He is currently conducting research to detect and analyze atmospheric conditions in regard to hurricane formation and intensification using satellite sensors. As a science educator, he has taught graduate classes at the University of Miami and he has created and taught an oceanography course for middle and high school students. Mr. Forde is the recipient of a Congressional Commendation and he was named South Florida's Federal Employee of the Year and NOAA's Research Employee of the Year. In 2009, he was honored by the city of North Miami and Miami-Dade County.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages community partnerships that benefit schools and students. Mr. Forde has shared his expertise in oceanography with more than 30,000 Miami-Dade County public schools students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools alumnus and oceanographer Evan Forde for his contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNUS AND
OCEANOGRAPHER EVAN FORDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDENTS
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, as the first black oceanographer to explore the underwater canyons of the Atlantic Ocean in a two-man submersible, Evan Forde is a pioneer and innovator of oceanography; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forde is a proud Miami-Dade County Public Schools alumnus who attended Miami Carol City Senior High School as well as Rainbow and Bunche Park elementary schools before earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in Geology and Marine Geology and Geophysics at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forde is an oceanographer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Atlantic Meteorological Laboratory in Miami where he is currently conducting research to detect and analyze atmospheric conditions in regard to hurricane formation and intensification using satellite sensors; and

WHEREAS, as a science educator, he has taught graduate classes at the University of Miami and he has created and taught an oceanography course for middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forde is the recipient of a Congressional Commendation and he was named South Florida's Federal Employee of the Year and NOAA's Research Employee of the Year. In 2009, he was honored by the city of North Miami and Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages community partnerships that benefit schools and students. Mr. Forde has shared his expertise in oceanography with more than 30,000 Miami-Dade County public schools students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools alumnus and oceanographer Evan Forde for his contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of April, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary