

Dr. Martin S. Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LAUREN HENSCHEL AS A 2010 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS RECIPIENT FOR TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEER IN FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program was created in 1995 by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle school and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level.

The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. Over the past 15 years, more than 280,000 young Americans have participated in the program. This year, Lauren Henschel, a junior at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High, has won this prestigious award.

Lauren helped spearhead one of the country's first fund-raising events for psoriasis research. Since then she has helped raise more than \$750,000 over the past four years for the National Psoriasis Foundation. Her actions not only raised money for research, but also helped dispel commonly held misconceptions about psoriasis, a chronic, hereditary disease of the immune system that produces red, scaly patches on the skin.

Lauren also put together a youth committee to make educational visits to local schools; she designed bracelets to sell, bearing the words "Pso What" and created social networking sites for young psoriasis patients to connect with one another. As similar psoriasis walks have spread across the country, Lauren has encouraged youth involvement by distributing a how-to manual she created.

As State Honoree, she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where she will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for several days of national recognition events. Ten of them will be named America's top youth volunteers for 2010 at that time.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN S. KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lauren Henschel as a 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recipient for top youth volunteer in Florida.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-032
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING LAUREN HENSCHEL AS A 2010 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY
AWARDS RECIPIENT FOR TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEER IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service; and

WHEREAS, the program was created in 1995 by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Lauren helped spearhead one of the country's first fund-raising events for psoriasis research and has raised more than \$750,000 over the past four years for the National Psoriasis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Lauren has put together a youth committee to make educational visits to local schools; designed bracelets to sell, bearing the words "Pso What" and created social networking sites for young psoriasis patients to connect with one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Lauren Henschel as a 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recipient for top youth volunteer in Florida.

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