

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-045 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE VETERANS AND FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE 2506 ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On April 17, 1961, fourteen hundred Cuban exiles known as Brigade 2506 landed at the Bay of Pigs, a remote swampy area on the southern coast of Cuba. Their goal was to restore democracy and freedom to their country in the throes of communism. The exiles were met by heavy fire and by troops outnumbering them. More than 100 brigade members lost their lives during the invasion. Those taken prisoners remained in captivity for 20 months. The first group of freed Cuban brigade freedom fighters landed in the United States at the end of 1962. On December 29, 1962 brigade members presented the brigade flag to President John F. Kennedy who honored their courage and promised "that this flag will be returned to this brigade in a free Havana." The Bay of Pigs invasion marked the lives of many families for generations with personal mourning and loss as well as with civic pride and honor.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is proud to recognize the honorable service of the veterans and fallen members of the Brigade 2506 for their courageous efforts in support of democracy and freedom against oppression. As we approach the 50th Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the Brigade and the entire Cuban-American community and extends hope that freedom and democracy soon will be a reality for Cuba and its people.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the veterans and fallen members of the Brigade 2506 on the 50th Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING THE VETERANS AND FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE 2506 ON
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION**

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1961, fourteen hundred Cuban exiles known as Brigade 2506 landed at the Bay of Pigs, a remote swampy area on the southern coast of Cuba. Their goal was to restore democracy and freedom to their country in the throes of communism; and

WHEREAS, the exiles were met by heavy fire and by troops outnumbering them. More than 100 brigade members lost their lives during the invasion and many were taken prisoner and remained in captivity for 20 months; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the Bay of Pigs invasion marked the lives of many families with personal mourning and loss as well as with civic pride and honor; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is proud to recognize the honorable service of the veterans and fallen members of Brigade 2506 for their courageous efforts in support of democracy and freedom against oppression; and

WHEREAS, as we approach the 50th Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion, Miami-Dade County Public Schools honors the Brigade and the entire Cuban-American community and extends hope that freedom and democracy soon will be a reality for Cuba and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the veterans and fallen members of the Brigade 2506 on the 50th Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary