

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-048 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MR. JAMES HARTNETT, FOUNDER OF THE MIRACLE MILE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

For many individuals, public speaking, or even addressing strangers, can be a frightening proposition. This can seriously hamper an individual's ability for professional growth and affect every day social situations. Since 1924, more than 4 million people around the world have benefited from membership in Toastmasters Clubs, a non-profit organization. Through the clubs, people can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change. Today Toastmasters boasts a membership of more than 260,000 worldwide.

The Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club was founded in 1961 by Mr. James Hartnett, who has devoted countless hours over the past fifty years to enhance the leadership skills of numerous individuals in our community who have become successful and productive members of today's global economy.

The Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club also sponsors the Voices of Time Gavel Club. This unique organization focuses on helping long-term inmates at Everglades Correctional Institution develop the necessary communications skill to enable them to transition back into society at the conclusion of their 25 to 35 year terms. This program has enjoyed unparalleled success and has been instrumental in the extremely low recidivism rates of the participants.

We are fortunate to have individuals in Miami-Dade County with a strong sense of civic pride and commitment to community service such as Mr. Hartnett who has touched the lives of so many for so long.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-048 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. James Hartnett, founder of the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club, for his fifty years of service to our community.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-048
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES HARTNETT, FOUNDER OF THE MIRACLE MILE
TOASTMASTERS CLUB,
FOR HIS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Mr. James Hartnett, who founded the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club in 1961 generously offers his time and experience in an effort to improve people's lives by enhancing their speaking, listening, and thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club is a non-profit organization devoted to making effective oral communication a community-wide reality; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop effective communication and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club has helped Miami-Dade County Public School teachers and students, as well as countless members of our community, to improve their communication and public speaking skills; and

WHEREAS, the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club sponsors the Voices of Time Gavel Club at Everglades Correctional Institution for the purpose of helping long-term institutionalized convicts transition back into society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-048 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Mr. James Hartnett, founder of the Miracle Mile Toastmasters Club 50 years ago, for his work in the community.

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