

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-063 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. ANA SOTO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2010-2011 "UN MAESTRO ESPECIAL" AWARD PRESENTED BY UNIVISION 23**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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

Teachers play a pivotal role in preparing students for success in and outside of the classroom. The success of students is a direct result of teachers' commitment to education and passion for their work. For the past several years, the annual "Un Maestro Especial" campaign has honored teachers in our community who are making a positive impact on the lives of students. The campaign is sponsored by Univision 23, Papa John's Pizza, and the Nova Southeastern University Fischler School of Education and Human Services. The "Un Maestro Especial" winners are chosen by a panel of independent judges based on their personal commitment, resourcefulness and creative use of materials, teaching innovation and originality, and for being a positive role model. The winners receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and are featured in an on-air campaign airing on Univision 23.

This year, Ms. Ana Soto, a social studies teacher and Law Academy leader at Hialeah Senior High School, has been selected as one of ten recipients of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Un Maestro Especial" Award. Ms. Soto graduated from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School and furthered her education at Florida International University, where she recently earned a master's degree in American History.

Ms. Soto consistently demonstrates her abilities as an outstanding performer, advocate, and leader. She leads professional development sessions in best instructional practices and she has contributed to the school's Law Academy curriculum. Ms. Soto also sponsors the National Honor Society and coordinates the Close Up program, raising more than \$30,000 for students to travel to Washington, D.C.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Ana Soto for her dedication to the teaching profession, enthusiasm and passion for educating the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Ana Soto, recipient of the 2010-2011 "Un Maestro Especial" Award presented by Univision 23.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-063  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MS. ANA SOTO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2010-2011 "UN MAESTRO  
ESPECIAL" AWARD PRESENTED BY UNIVISION 23**

**WHEREAS**, for the past several years, the annual "Un Maestro Especial" campaign has honored teachers in our community who are making a positive impact on the lives of students; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Un Maestro Especial" winners are chosen by a panel of independent judges based on their personal commitment, resourcefulness and creative use of materials, teaching innovation and originality, and for being a positive role model; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Ms. Ana Soto, a social studies teacher and Law Academy leader at Hialeah Senior High School, has been selected as one of ten recipients of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Un Maestro Especial" Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Soto consistently demonstrates her abilities as an outstanding performer, advocate, and leader; and

**WHEREAS**, she leads professional development sessions in best instructional practices, contributes to the school's Law Academy curriculum, sponsors the National Honor Society, and coordinates the Close Up program at Hialeah Senior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Ana Soto for her dedication to the teaching profession, enthusiasm and passion for educating the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Ana Soto, recipient of the 2010-2011 "Un Maestro Especial" Award presented by Univision 23.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary