

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-064 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MR. RICARDO MENENDEZ, FOR REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AT THE CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN KIEV, UKRAINE IN AUGUST 2011**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Ricardo Menendez has been practicing judo since the age of five. His hard work, talent, and dedication to the sport he loves have enabled Ricardo to compete globally in this very competitive activity.

He recently won a Silver Medal at the National Scholastic Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which earned him one of two coveted spots to represent the United States at the Cadet World Championships in the 73kg Division in Kiev, Ukraine, this coming August.

Ricardo is a sophomore at Southwest Miami Senior High School, where he participates in the Business Magnet Program. Not only is Ricardo an accomplished athlete, he also maintains an excellent grade point average and has maintained a record of perfect attendance for eleven years. In addition he placed first in the State of Florida in DECA's Virtual Business Challenge this past December.

Ricardo trains in Falcon Judo Club at West Miami Middle Community School under the guidance of his proud coach and father, Ricardo Menendez. He enjoys playing baseball, basketball and football, and wishes to pursue a career in business administration. His younger brother, Alejandro, is also an outstanding athlete who competes on an international level as well.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-064, recognizing Ricardo Menendez for representing the United States at the Cadet World Championship in Kiev, Ukraine, in August 2011.