

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-061 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MARTHA FLORES FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY } Revised

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Martha Flores fled her native Cuba on January 17, 1959 seeking refuge and freedom in the United States. She was forced to leave her immediate family behind only to be re-united with them years later. With courage and steadfast determination, Ms. Flores successfully faced the new challenges presented by life in her newly-adopted country. } Revised

As a Cuban refugee, Ms. Flores began her career in radio as a part-time program host on weekends at WMIE, the first Spanish-language radio station in Miami in 1959. Her half-hour programs quickly developed into a full-time career as she became a voice for the Cuban-American community in Miami. She first worked at WMIE, then with WFAB "La Fabulosa," moving on to Radio Continental, then to WRHC, and WQBA "La Cubanisima," and finally at WAQI "Radio Mambí." For the past 21 years, she has hosted the weekday nightly program, "La Noche y Usted," which has earned the top spot in nightly radio programming in Miami-Dade County. Affectionately known as "La Reina de la Noche" (The Queen of the Night), her nightly talk show has gained a wide audience making it an attractive stop for movers and shakers in South Florida.

Over the years, her radio program has become a forum for interesting debates and lively discussions. Ms. Flores has used her show and position to give voice to important educational, social, and critical issues of interest to our community. More particularly she has become a major supporter of educational initiatives benefiting Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the children we serve.

The Miami-Dade School Board commends Martha Flores for her dedicated service to the community and to education. } Revised

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 12-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Martha Flores for her outstanding commitment and dedication to our community. } Revised

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-061
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MARTHA FLORES FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT
AND DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY**

} Revised

WHEREAS, Martha Flores fled her native Cuba on January 17, 1959 seeking refuge and freedom in the United States. With courage and steadfast determination, she successfully faced the new challenges presented by life in her newly-adopted country; and

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WHEREAS, as a Cuban refugee, Ms. Flores began her work in 1959 as a part-time radio host on weekends at WMIE, the first Spanish-language radio station in Miami, doing half-hour programs which were to develop in her an interest in a full-time career in radio broadcasting. For the past 21 years she has hosted the weekday nightly program, "La Noche y Usted" on Radio Mambí which has earned the top spot in nightly radio programming in Miami-Dade County, becoming affectionately known as "La Reina de la Noche" (The Queen of the Night); and

WHEREAS, over the years, her radio program has become a forum for interesting debates and lively discussions. Ms. Flores has used her show and position to give voice to important educational, social, and critical issues of interest to our community. More particularly, she has become a major supporter of educational initiatives benefiting Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the children we serve; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends Martha Flores for her dedicated service to the community and to education;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Martha Flores for her outstanding commitment and dedication to our community.

} Revised

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

Presented this eighteen day of April, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary