

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 16, 2012

May 8, 2012

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-077
 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
 FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES DAY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
 ENGAGEMENT**

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

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace the separate days honoring the Army, Navy and Air Force. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950, with parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense," which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

On this year's Armed Forces Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 19th, let us salute the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and the Coast Guard members, who perform their duties with impeccable courage, commitment, and character, and recognize our moral obligation to serve them and their families as well as they have served us.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Armed Forces Day.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-077
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES DAY**

WHEREAS, many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace the separate days honoring the Army, Navy and Air Force. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950, with parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense," which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life; and

WHEREAS, on this year's Armed Forces Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 19th, let us salute the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and the Coast Guard members, who perform their duties with impeccable courage, commitment, and character, and recognize our moral obligation to serve them and their families as well as they have served us;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Armed Forces Day.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary