

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-113 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENT VENEZUELAN
AMERICAN CITIZENS (IVAC)**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

The Independent Venezuelan American Citizens (IVAC) is a non-profit organization founded in Miami in 2004 that focuses on helping recently arrived Latin Americans find their roots and integrate themselves into the community, and become active participants in the American political system.

IVAC also promotes democratic values throughout Latin America with its *Municipal Conscience Intern Program*. The program's main objective is to bring student leaders from Venezuelan universities to the United States to observe the function and composition of local, state, and federal government organizations, as well as our judicial system, and political organization.

IVAC's internship program demonstrates to citizens of Latin America, specifically in Venezuela, how everyone in the United States lives in peace and democracy. IVAC sows the seeds of democracy and governmental innovation in the minds of these young student leaders, so that they in turn, may take back to all the universities of Venezuela, the idea of living in a true Democracy, and adapt these ideas to the country of Venezuela.

In light of Venezuela's recent Independence Day on July 5th, the School Board commends the Independent Venezuelan American Citizens for working tirelessly to help strengthen democratic values and attitudes among the young.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-113 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Independent Venezuelan American Citizens (IVAC).

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-113
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENT VENEZUELAN AMERICAN CITIZENS (IVAC)**

WHEREAS, the Independent Venezuelan American Citizens (IVAC) is a non-profit organization founded in Miami, in 2004, to help people within the Latin American community actively participate in the American political process; and

WHEREAS, IVAC also promotes democratic values throughout Latin America with its *Municipal Conscience Intern Program*; and

WHEREAS, the program's main objective is to bring student leaders from Venezuelan universities to the United States to observe the function and composition of local, state, and federal government organizations, as well as our judicial system, and political organization; and

WHEREAS, IVAC's internship program demonstrates to citizens of Latin America, specifically from Venezuela, how everyone in the United States lives in peace and democracy; and

WHEREAS, IVAC sows the seeds of democracy and governmental innovation in the minds of these young student leaders, so that they in turn, may take back to all the universities of Venezuela, the idea of living in a true Democracy, and adapt these ideas to the country of Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, in light of Venezuela's recent Independence Day on July 5th, the School Board commends the Independent Venezuelan American Citizens for working tirelessly to help strengthen democratic values and attitudes among the young;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-113 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Independent Venezuelan American Citizens (IVAC).

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

Presented this eighteenth day of July, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary