

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-141  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BERNARD MAYER**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

As a Holocaust survivor, Bernard Mayer has been involved in the Miami-Dade County Public School system for the past 20 years. He has visited schools hundreds of times to tell his story. He wrote and published a book in 1996, Entombed, and for his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday two years ago donated over 5,000 books to public schools in Miami-Dade County. These books were placed in libraries for general circulation. He sent a case of books to anyone who responded and even paid to have them shipped.

In 1941, Bernard Mayer was 13 years old living with his mother and two siblings when the Germans invaded his hometown of Drohobycz, Poland. His family was forced to work in a labor camp. When Bernard's mother learned that they were to be deported to a death camp, she paid a man who allowed Jews to build and hide in a bunker beneath his house. Bernard's family along with over forty other Jews hid in the bunker and were able to survive until liberation in 1944.

Mr. Mayer graduated from NYU in 1959 in business and economics and had a very successful career. In 1975, he retired and moved to Miami at the age of 47 where he attended Barry University and received a Masters in Social Work. He worked as a counselor/social worker for a Miami Beach nursing home. Currently, he serves as a volunteer in nursing homes including the Jewish Home for the Aged. He has donated his book to every public library in Miami-Dade and Broward County.

Bernard has two children and four grandchildren. Bernard Mayer is to be commended for his donations and commitment to share his story.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTIN S. KARP:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-141 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Bernard Mayer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-141  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING BERNARD MAYER**

**WHEREAS**, a Holocaust survivor, Bernard Mayer has been involved in the Miami-Dade County Public School system for the past 20 years. He has visited schools hundreds of times to tell his story; and

**WHEREAS**, he wrote and published a book in 1996, Entombed, and for his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday two years ago donated over 5,000 books to public schools in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1941, Bernard Mayer was 13 years old living with his mother and two siblings when the Germans invaded his hometown of Drohobycz, Poland. His family was forced to work in a labor camp. When Bernard's mother learned that they were to be deported to a death camp, she paid a man who allowed Jews to build and hide in a bunker beneath his house. Bernard's family along with over forty other Jews hid in the bunker and were able to survive until liberation in 1944; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mayer graduated from NYU in 1959 in business and economics and had a very successful career. In 1975, he retired and moved to Miami at the age of 47 where he attended Barry University and received a Masters in Social Work; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernard Mayer is to be commended for his donations and his commitment to share.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-141 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Bernard Mayer.

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

**Presented this fifth day of September, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary