

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-101  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DARRIN SMITH, FORMER NFL  
STAR, FOR HIS ADVOCACY WORK ON BEHALF OF  
YOUTHS**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:             EDUCATION**

A dedicated family man, philanthropist, and motivational speaker, Darrin Smith is a two-time college football national championship winner and two-time National Football League Super Bowl winner. Last month, Mr. Smith was honored with the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps Embracing the Legacy Award, one of the nation's most prestigious honors in child welfare and juvenile justice, for his advocacy work on behalf of youths. He dedicated the award to his mother, Naomi, his youth coach Dennis Jackson, and his mentor and father figure Seymour Marksman.

After the death of his father when he was just two years old, Mr. Smith was mentored by Marksman through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Through the support and encouragement of Mr. Marksman, Mr. Smith learned many valuable life skills and lessons and the importance of hard work. Coach Jackson, Mr. Smith's Pop Warner football coach, instilled confidence in him as a young man.

A dedicated community advocate and volunteer, Mr. Smith works with several charitable organizations including The Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami, and Fresh Start Family Services. He inspires people nationwide as a motivational speaker. In addition, Mr. Smith is the founder of Million Book Read, an international literacy campaign that supports strong reading habits and encourages adults to take time to read with children. He was inspired to create the organization after reading to elementary school students when he was an NFL player.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Darrin Smith for his support of literacy and his commitment, dedications, and contributions to the youth of South Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Darrin Smith, former NFL star, for his advocacy work on behalf of youths.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-101  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
DARRIN SMITH, FORMER NFL STAR, FOR HIS ADVOCACY WORK ON BEHALF  
OF YOUTHS**

**WHEREAS**, a dedicated family man, philanthropist, and motivational speaker, Darrin Smith is a two-time college football national championship winner and two-time National Football League Super Bowl winner; and

**WHEREAS**, last month, Mr. Smith was honored with the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps Embracing the Legacy Award, one of the nation's most prestigious honors in child welfare and juvenile justice, for his advocacy work on behalf of youths; and

**WHEREAS**, a dedicated community advocate and volunteer, Mr. Smith works with several charitable organizations including The Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami, and Fresh Start Family Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Smith is the founder of Million Book Read, an international literacy campaign that supports strong reading habits and encourages adults to take time to read with children; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Darrin Smith for his support of literacy and his commitment, dedications, and contributions to the youth of South Florida;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Darrin Smith, former NFL star, for his advocacy work on behalf of youths.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of July, A.D. 2013**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary