

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-018 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING DR. TERESITA LEMUS OF JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

In 2004, the National Society of High School Scholars created the Claes Nobel Educators of Distinction program to recognize educators for:

- commitment and student impact;
- outstanding leadership;
- excellence in education; and
- community engagement.

This prestigious program recently honored ten exemplary educators. These honorees demonstrated outstanding commitment to education. One of these superb teachers is Dr. Teresita Lemus, a math teacher from John A. Ferguson Senior High School.

Dr. Lemus holds a bachelor's degree in math and chemistry from Barry University, a master's in math and science from the University of Miami and a doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University. She has been a teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools since 1988. At Ferguson Senior High School, she teaches three levels of calculus. She also prepares students for AP exams. She is a role model for her students. She says she does not just teach calculus, but that she tries to encourage her students to think - to be doctors, lawyers and engineers in their thoughts.

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Her nominating student wrote, "Dr. Lemus doesn't just teach calculus, she makes sure you understand it, and the fact that she really knows her material helps when she is teaching it. She educates you in a way that makes you actually like mathematics."

Her first-level calculus students have a 75-80 percent passing rate on advanced placement tests - above the national average of 59 percent.

Dr. Lemus frequently receives accolades from universities INCLUDING MIT, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Chicago. She provides her students with a solid mathematical background and serves as an inspiration to incoming college freshmen. Furthermore, she is an adjunct math professor at Nova Southeastern University, Florida International University and Miami Dade College.

Dr. Teresita Lemus should be commended for her success and dedication.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Approve Resolution No. 14-018 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Teresita Lemus of John A. Ferguson Senior High School.