

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-052 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING CESAR CASTILLO OF MIAMI SPRINGS  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Throughout his life, Cesar Castillo has faced a number of obstacles that could have easily caused him to take an average path; but through it all Cesar has proven to be anything but average. Having recently completed a term on the Florida Youth Commission, Cesar understands the importance of advocating for issues affecting youth across the state and in his own community.

At the age of 15, he became a Miami-Dade County Youth Commissioner, was reappointed after his first term, and today serves as the body's Chairman. In his role as Youth Commissioner, Cesar has participated on a range of community task forces including the mayor's 2013 Joint Roundtable on Youth Safety, where he provided valuable input to civic leaders on the security needs and challenges of our community's youth. He has also worked closely with the City of Hialeah's Youth Advisory Council and the Missing Children Global Network to advocate for children and youth in his hometown. In addition, Cesar has volunteered his time and effort to assisting organizations such as The Miami Children's Hospital Foundation and the Miami Coalition for the Homeless.

During his time as a student at Miami Springs Senior High School, Cesar co-founded *The Stroke Awareness Team*, a community awareness project through Health Occupation Students of America. The Stroke Awareness Team consists of high school students who conduct seminars, conferences and workshops regarding strokes and other circulatory/cardiovascular diseases.

Once he graduates, Cesar plans to go on to college to study business with a focus on medical research and technology and continue serving his community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. SUSIE CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Cesar Castillo of Miami Springs Senior High School for exemplary leadership.

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FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Castillo has demonstrated remarkable responsibility and commitment to advocacy and public service from a young age, becoming a Miami-Dade County Youth Commissioner at the age of 15; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the county's Youth Commission he has worked tirelessly to advocate for Miami-Dade's youth and to advance programs and initiatives that benefit young people and help create a better community; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his service on the commission, Cesar has also worked closely with the City of Hialeah's Youth Advisory Council, and served as a representative for the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a community advocate, who volunteers his time and service to various organizations such as The Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, the Missing Children Global Network, Inc., and The Miami Coalition for the Homeless, through which he helps spearhead an annual collection of toiletries for homeless teenagers; and

**WHEREAS**, as a student at Miami Springs Senior High School, Cesar co-founded *The Stroke Awareness Team*, a community awareness project through Health Occupation Students of America for which he won the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Healthcare Heroes® Youth Volunteer Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to public service and giving back to his community throughout his time as a student of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Cesar Castillo of Miami Springs Senior High School for exemplary leadership.

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

**Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary