

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-066
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ALBENA SUMNER**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Albena Sumner has been a devoted civic activist in the Allapattah neighborhood of Miami. She helped found the Allapattah Homeowners Association in 1983 and has since worked diligently to halt highway expansion in urban areas, organize gun violence prevention campaigns, lobby municipal, state, and federal officials to challenge the erection of microwave towers and electric grids near inner city schools, and was instrumental in securing more than two million dollars in City of Miami infrastructure projects.

Ms. Sumner has served the students of Miami-Dade County by serving on various Parent Teacher Student Associations in Allapattah schools and for organizing a volunteer program that tasked students in need of volunteer hours the opportunity to help beautify their own community through landscape and maintenance activities. Ms. Sumner was also able to lead the effort to secure funding to build the Moore Park Recreation Center while serving on the City of Miami's Neighborhood Improvement/Homeland Defense Bond Oversight Board.

Albena Sumner is to be commended for her commitment to community service in Miami-Dade County. Her tireless work on behalf of the Allapattah neighborhood of Miami has enriched the lives of the entire county.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-066 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Albena Sumner.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-066
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ALBENA SUMNER**

WHEREAS, Albena Sumner, a devoted civic activist for more than 30 years organized the Allapattah Homeowners Association in 1983 and has since worked diligently to halt highway expansion, organized campaign to decrease gun violence, lobbied municipal, state, and federal officials to challenge the erection of microwave towers and electric grids near inner city schools, and was instrumental in securing more than two million dollars in infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sumner has served the students of Miami-Dade County by serving on various Parent Teacher Student Associations in Allapattah schools and for organizing a volunteer program that tasked students in need of volunteer hours the chance to help beautify their own community through landscape and maintenance activities;

WHEREAS, Ms. Sumner was able to lead the effort to secure funding to build the Moore Park Recreation Center while serving on the City of Miami's Neighborhood Improvement/Homeland Defense Bond Oversight Board;

WHEREAS, Albena Sumner's life is a testament to her steadfast commitment to safety, community service, and family. She continues to enrich the lives of those she touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-066 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Albena Sumner.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary