

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-108
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JOSE "EL NIÑO" RIBALTA**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Jose "El Niño" Ribalta was born March 31, 1963 in Rodrigo, Cuba. He arrived in the United States (Washington D.C.) when he was four years old. Five years later, Mr. Ribalta moved to Miami and attended Allapattah Elementary School and graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School in 1983.

Jose Ribalta was recently inducted into the 2014 Florida Boxing Hall of Fame. During his boxing career he boxed 12 world champions. That impressive list includes Vitali Klitschko, Chris Byrd, Tony Tubbs, Larry Holmes, Mike Tyson, Michael Dokes, Frank Bruno, Bruce Seldon, Tim Witherspoon, Leon Spinks, James Bonecrusher Smith and Axel Schultz.

Mr. Ribalta started working as a school security monitor at Citrus Grove Elementary School in 1998. Then, he worked at Norland Middle School in 1999 and Robert Renick Education Center from 2000 to 2010. From 2010 to the present, Mr. Ribalta has worked as a full time security guard at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center. Currently, Mr. Ribalta lives in Miami Gardens and he works with people with autism.

The School Board appreciates the efforts of Jose Ribalta for keeping our schools safe. He is a Miami-Dade resident for nearly 40 years who has shown great commitment to the well-being of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jose "El Niño" Ribalta.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-108
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JOSE "EL NIÑO" RIBALTA**

WHEREAS, Jose Ribalta graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School in 1983 and was one of the top heavyweight contenders from the mid1980s through the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 51, Jose Ribalta has fought 12 former and eventual world champions during a career that spanned 18 years as a professional. That impressive list includes Vitali Klitschko, Chris Byrd, Tony Tubbs, Larry Holmes, Mike Tyson, Michael Dokes, Frank Bruno, Bruce Seldon, Tim Witherspoon, Leon Spinks, James Bonecrusher Smith and Axel Schultz; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ribalta's faced Mike Tyson in 1985 and lasted through 10 rounds, when Tyson was declared the winner by technical knockout; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ribalta's accomplishments include his first-round TKO win over former champion Leon Spinks at the Coconut Grove Exhibition Center in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ribalta currently works as a full-time security monitor at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center and has been with M-DCPS for the past 14 years as well as works with people with autism at a group home; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ribalta was recently inducted into the 2014 Florida Boxing Hall of Fame; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Jose "El Niño" Ribalta.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary