

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of December 10, 2014

December 8, 2014

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-114 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER CARLOS DEVARONA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Carlos Devarona was born in Cuba in 1961 and arrived in the United States with his parents that same year. He grew up in New Jersey and graduated from St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth, NJ in 1979.

Four years later, Carlos Devarona graduated from the Police Academy. Officer Devarona worked for the Miami Beach Police Department for 25 years and retired as a Police Lieutenant in 2007. He has three children ages 29, 23, and 14.

Officer Devarona began working as a school resource officer this year at Biscayne Elementary School. As liaison between the school and police department, Officer Devarona provides security, traffic control, and teaches students important safety lessons. He volunteered his time and effort to paint all six staircases (159 steps) with multiplication tables 1 through 12 so students waiting in line or walking up the stairs can practice and learn their multiplication tables after seeing the stairs artistically enhanced with math graffiti.

The School Board appreciates the efforts of Carlos Devarona for keeping our schools safe and making sure students learn their multiplication tables. His commitment to the well-being of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools is evident and his efforts are truly appreciated.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing School Liaison Office Carlos Devarona.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-114
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER CARLOS DEVARONA**

WHEREAS, Carlos Devarona was born in Cuba in 1961 and arrived in the United States with his parents that same year. Carlos grew up in New Jersey and graduated from St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth, NJ in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Officer Carlos Devarona is a 25 year veteran of sworn law enforcement and security and retired as a Police Lieutenant in 2007. Carlos has three children ages 29, 23, and 14; and

WHEREAS, as liaison between the school and police department, Officer Devarona provides security, traffic control, and teaches students important safety lessons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Devarona began working as a school resource officer this year at Biscayne Elementary School and volunteered his time and effort to paint all 6 staircases (159 steps) with multiplication tables 1 through 12 so students waiting in line or walking up the stairs can practice and learn their multiplication tables after seeing the stairs artistically enhanced with math graffiti; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing School Liaison Officer Carlos Devarona for his dedication to the safety and security of the students, families, and employees of Biscayne Elementary School.

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

Presented this tenth day of December, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary