

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-023 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING DR. ROSA JONES**

**COMMITTEE:               PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENTS AND SCHOOL  
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:               EDUCATION**

Dr. Rosa L. Jones, is one of the 150 founding faculty members of Florida International University. Dr. Jones retired in 2012 after 40 years of service to Florida International University students and the South Florida community. During these four decades, she had been a professor, department chair, dean and for the last eight years, Vice President Emerita of Student Affairs.

A native Miamian, Dr. Jones grew up during the 1950s. She graduated from Mays High School, then a segregated school. She earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare and a master's in social work from Florida State University. In 1987, she received her doctorate in social work from Howard University with a concentration on family and children services/adolescent behavior and higher education.

She began her career as a social worker at Jackson Memorial Hospital. In 1972, while at a community meeting, she learned of a public university being built out west. She was offered an assistant professor position and the opportunity to develop the department of social work's fieldwork curriculum. For Dr. Jones, it was an opportunity to engage the community and to help meet the need for higher education. She served seven years as the director of the Department of social work.

Her legacy as the university's steadfast and most respected student advocate is unmatched, as is the reach of the student-focused initiatives created under her leadership. Some of these initiatives include: Freshman Convocation; Partners in Progress and Invitational Scholars Program; Common Reading Program; parent programs; and expanded student building and facilities.

Dr. Jones is known by her peers as one of the most thoughtful and passionate advocates for students. To her students, she was a close and trusted mentor, adviser and mother figure.

The School Board commends Dr. Rosa L. Jones for her incredible contributions, advocacy and untiring dedication to her students, higher education, and the South Florida community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Rosa Jones.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-023  
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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Rosa L. Jones is one of the 150 founding faculty members of Florida International University. Dr. Jones retired in 2012 after 40 years of service to Florida International University students and the South Florida community. During these four decades, she had been a professor, department chair, dean and for the last eight years, Vice President Emerita of Student Affairs; and

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jones is known by her peers as one of the most thoughtful and passionate advocates for students. To her students, she was a close and trusted mentor, adviser and mother figure; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board commends Dr. Rosa L. Jones for her incredible contributions, advocacy and untiring dedication to her students, higher education, and the South Florida community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Rosa L. Jones.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2015**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary