

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-004 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE BOARD MEMBERS OF HAMPTON HOUSE TRUST, INC.

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The Hampton House was a popular motel and social hub for African-Americans during the 1950s and 1960s. Wedding receptions and beauty contests enlivened the motel's pool deck. During the evening locals and out-of-towners packed the club, enjoying great music and good company.

During segregation, outstanding performers and black celebrities were able to perform at popular clubs and hotels on Miami Beach but were not allowed reside there. The Hampton House provided those entertainers and stars with a superb place to stay. The Hampton House accommodated individuals, such as, Dr. Martin Luther King who had a special room where he first practiced his famous "I Have a Dream" speech and Muhammad Ali who held his victory party at the Hampton House when he beat Sonny Liston. Eventually, the Hampton House served as a bridge into integration, during the period of segregation. During this time individuals like Harvey Ruvin, County Clerk and editor of the Miami News, Howard Kleinberg, would be seen at the Hampton House enjoying the best jazz in town.

The integration of South Florida in the 1970's drastically impacted the Hampton House Motel. The once "Jewel of the South" became a derelict building. Nevertheless, in 2001, a group of individuals came together and decided to preserve the historical richness of the building and sought to achieve historic designation. Initial founders of the Hampton House Project secured assistance from the African America Committee of Dade Heritage Trust, Inc., and together embarked on an ambitious effort to save the building from demolition, secure County support to purchase the property, and secure General Obligation Bond dollars build the Hampton House museum, as well as form he Hampton House Trust, Inc., a 501(c) 3 organization.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hampton House Trust, Inc.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-004
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING HAMPTON HOUSE TRUST, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Hampton House was a popular motel and social hub for African-Americans during the 1950s and 1960s. Wedding receptions and beauty contests enlivened the motel's pool deck. During the evening locals and out-of-towners packed the club, enjoying great music and good company; and

WHEREAS, during segregation, outstanding performers and black celebrities were able to perform at popular clubs and hotels on Miami Beach but were not allowed reside there. The Hampton House provided those entertainers and stars with a superb place to stay. The Hampton House accommodated individuals, such as, Dr. Martin Luther King who had a special room where he first practiced his famous "I Have a Dream" speech and Muhammad Ali who held his victory party at the Hampton House when he beat Sonny Liston; and

WHEREAS: eventually, the Hampton House served as a bridge into integration, during the period of segregation. During this time individuals like Harvey Ruvlin, County Clerk and editor of the Miami News, Howard Kleinberg, would be seen at the Hampton House enjoying the best jazz in town; and

WHEREAS, the integration of South Florida in the 1970's drastically impacted the Hampton House Motel. The once "Jewel of the South" became a derelict building; and

WHEREAS, a group of individuals came together and decided to preserve the historical richness of the building and sought to achieve historic designation; and

WHEREAS, initial and current Board Trustees of the Hampton House Project secured assistance from the African America Committee of Dade Heritage Trust, Inc., Miami-Dade County and its residents, and together embarked on an ambitious effort to save the building, have it recognized as a county historical building; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton House Trust, Inc., a 501(c) 3 organization has been formed and the building shall serve as a museum and open to the community for events and functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hampton House Trust, Inc.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of January, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary