

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-031 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BILLY JOEL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK THROUGH THE AVENTURA MARKETING COUNCIL'S ANCHORS AWAY FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

In 2002, Aventura Commissioner Billy Joel met with Dr. Jayne Greenberg, District Director of Physical Education and Health Literacy for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and Aventura Marketing Council President Elaine Adler about helping disabled children from Miami-Dade County Public Schools. All that was needed to start with was one specially equipped, access sailboat built in Australia. Mr. Joel, a marine enthusiast and philanthropist, purchased the first boat and the Anchors Away Foundation was born.

Today, the AMC Anchors Away Foundation has 37 special-access sailboats. Mr. Joel has overseen additional fundraising efforts to purchase other necessary equipment such as, beach-access wheelchairs and motorized equipment for children. Under the leadership of Commissioner Joel, children from Miami-Dade County Public Schools enjoy over 2,500 sailings each year. The students not only learn how to sail on their own, but experience freedom on the water that they may not have on land, expand their horizons, increase their self-confidence, socialization and life skills.

The Anchors Away program provides science, math and life skills, as well as teaching students socialization and integration skills enabling them to participate fully in the community upon graduation, as well as teaching them how to sail independently and preparing them for careers in the marine industry.

The School Board commends City of Aventura Commissioner Billy Joel for his outstanding philanthropy and dedicated service to the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Billy Joel for his outstanding work through the Aventura Marketing Council's Anchors Away Foundation in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BILLY
JOEL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK THROUGH THE AVENTURA MARKETING
COUNCIL'S ANCHORS AWAY FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in 2002, Aventura Commissioner Billy Joel met with Dr. Jayne Greenberg, District Director of Physical Education and Health Literacy for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and Aventura Marketing Council President Elaine Adler about helping disabled children from Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, all that was needed to start with was one specially equipped, access sailboat built in Australia. Mr. Joel, a marine enthusiast and philanthropist, purchased the first boat and the Anchors Away Foundation was born; and

WHEREAS, today, the AMC Anchors Away Foundation has 37 special-access sailboats. Mr. Joel has overseen additional fundraising efforts to purchase other necessary equipment such as, beach-access wheelchairs and motorized equipment for children; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Commissioner Joel, children from Miami-Dade County Public Schools enjoy over 2,500 sailings each year. The students not only learn how to sail on their own, but experience freedom on the water that they may not have on land, expand their horizons, increase their self-confidence, socialization and life skills; and

WHEREAS, the Anchors Away program provides science, math and life skills, as well as teaching students socialization and integration skills enabling them to participate fully in the community upon graduation, as well as teaching them how to sail independently and preparing them for careers in the marine industry; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends City of Aventura Commissioner Billy Joel for his outstanding philanthropy and dedicated service to the children of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Billy Joel for his outstanding work through the Aventura Marketing Council's Anchors Away Foundation in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of April, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary