

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-063 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. MARVIN DUNN

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Dr. Marvin Dunn has led a life of service to both his Country and Community. Dr. Dunn taught in the Department of Psychology at Florida International University for 34 years, retiring as head of the department in 2006. Born in DeLand, Florida, Dr. Dunn was educated in the Florida public school system. His family moved to Miami in 1951. In 1961, he earned a bachelor's in psychology from Morehouse College in Atlanta.

From 1961 to 1967, Dr. Dunn served as a naval officer aboard the aircraft carriers USS Kitty Hawk and Saratoga. While commanding the 14th Battalion, U.S. Naval Recruit Training Command in Illinois, Dr. Dunn studied at Chicago's Roosevelt University, earning a master's in administration and supervision. In 1972, he earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Tennessee.

After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Dunn became an assistant professor of psychology at FIU. He was a strong influence on students working for positive social change. He began such innovative programs as the Cultural and Human Interaction Center, which addressed racially motivated violence in the Dade County schools of the early 1970s. During that same period, Dr. Dunn shaped and guided the Institute on Sexism and Racism at FIU. In 1981, he founded the Academy for Community Education, an innovative program, which addressed the needs of youth at risk of dropping out. He served as the school's principal for 15 years while continuing his duties at FIU.

In addition to his educational prowess, Dr. Dunn has authored/co-authored four books. His latest is *"The Beast in Florida: A History of Anti-Black Violence,"* published in 2013. In 1999, he designed and traveled an extensive photographic history of blacks in Florida with a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. Also, Dr. Dunn developed Florida black history photographic exhibits for FIU and Camillus House's Brownsville Christian Community Center.

He has appeared on numerous national television programs including several appearances on the CBS, NBC and ABC evening news programs as well as on CNN, Fox News, the BBC, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Black Entertainment Television, The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, and Nightline.

Dr. Dunn has also written articles for many newspapers including the Miami Herald, the Orlando Sentinel, the St. Petersburg Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, and the New York Times. He has directed three documentary films: *"Black Seminoles in the Bahamas: The Red Bays Story"; "Murder on the Suwannee River: The Willie James Howard Story;"* and *"Rosewood Uncovered."* Dr. Dunn is currently serving as Scholar-in-Residence for Camillus House of Miami. He is also founder

of the non-profit organization, Roots In The City, which hires the homeless to develop community gardens in Miami inner-city areas.

The School Board commends Dr. Marvin Dunn for his many contributions, advocacy and untiring dedication to educating the South Florida community.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary for the published Agenda in order to timely and properly honor Dr. Marvin Dunn.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Marvin Dunn.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-063
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. MARVIN DUNN**

WHEREAS, Dr. Marvin Dunn has led a life of service to both his Country and Community. Dr. Dunn taught in the Department of Psychology at Florida International University for 34 years, retiring as head of the department in 2006. Born in DeLand, Florida, Dr. Dunn was educated in the Florida public school system. His family moved to Miami in 1951. In 1961, he earned a bachelor's in psychology from Morehouse College in Atlanta; and

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WHEREAS, after receiving his doctorate, Dr. Dunn became an assistant professor of psychology at FIU. He was a strong influence on students working for positive social change. He began such innovative programs as the Cultural and Human Interaction Center, which addressed racially motivated violence in the Dade County schools of the early 1970s. During that same period, Dr. Dunn shaped and guided the Institute on Sexism and Racism at FIU. In 1981, he founded the Academy for Community Education, an innovative program, which addressed the needs of youth at risk of dropping out. He served as the school's principal for 15 years while continuing his duties at FIU; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his educational prowess, Dr. Dunn has authored/co-authored four books. His latest is "*The Beast in Florida: A History of Anti-Black Violence*," published in 2013. In 1999, he designed and traveled a photographic history of blacks in Florida with a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. Also, Dr. Dunn developed Florida black history photographic exhibits for FIU and Camillus House's Brownsville Christian Community Center; and

WHEREAS, he has appeared on numerous national television programs including several appearances on the CBS, NBC and ABC evening news programs as well as on CNN, Fox News, the BBC, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Black Entertainment Television, The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour, and Nightline; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dunn has also written articles for many newspapers including the Miami Herald, the Orlando Sentinel, the St. Petersburg Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, and the New York Times. He has directed three documentary films: "*Black Seminoles in the Bahamas: The Red Bays Story*"; "*Murder on the Suwannee River: The Willie James Howard Story*;" and "*Rosewood Uncovered*." Dr. Dunn is currently serving as Scholar-in-Residence for Camillus House of Miami. He is also founder of the non-profit organization, Roots In The City, which hires the homeless to develop community gardens in Miami inner-city areas; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends Dr. Marvin Dunn for his many contributions, advocacy and untiring dedication to educating the South Florida community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Marvin Dunn.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary