

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-067
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING REBECCA VAUGHNS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS &
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns is a Miami native. Her impressive abilities in the area of poetry make her an outstanding artist whose contributions enrich our culture and our artistic values as a community. In spite of her relatively young life, Rebecca has already made a name for herself.

Her ability to adlib poetry for any occasion is one of the many reasons listeners admire her work and are in awe of her many talents. A poet since the age of 10, she stepped out on to the poetry scene in 1997. In 2002, Rebecca became a full-time poet providing valuable entertainment and cultural awareness to every listening ear.

Ms. Vaughns is the author of three self-published books of poetry and has recorded more than ten albums. Her ability to turn words into life for her listeners has extended beyond the recording studio and onto the stage. In addition to her decorated recording career, Ms. Vaughns was an extra in the Robert Townsend film *Playin' For Love* and has served as producer and director for nine stage productions.

Her work has been appreciated by international figures, such as, Ms. Betty Wright, Nikki Giovanni, Robert Townsend, Kim Coles, Fantasia, Lenny Williams. Ms. Vaughns' poetry has also been recognized locally by figures, such as, President of Florida Memorial University, Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, and Rick Party.

Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns' talents and artistic contributions have enriched our culture and our society. Through her gift of poetry, Ms. Vaughns has made it possible for young people to aspire to greater things in life.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-067 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Rebecca Vaughns.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-067
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING REBECCA VAUGHNS**

WHEREAS, Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns is a Miami native. Her impressive abilities in the area of poetry make her an outstanding artist whose contributions enrich our culture and our artistic values as a community. In spite of her relatively young life, Rebecca has already made a name for herself; and

WHEREAS, her ability to adlib poetry for any occasion is one of the many reasons listeners admire her work and are in awe of her many talents. A poet since the age of 10, she stepped out on to the poetry scene in 1997. In 2002, Rebecca became a full-time poet providing valuable entertainment and cultural awareness to every listening ear; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughns is the author of three self-published books of poetry and has recorded more than ten albums. Her ability to turn words into life for her listeners has extended beyond the recording studio and onto the stage. In addition to her decorated recording career, Ms. Vaughns was an extra in the Robert Townsend film *Playin' For Love* and has served as producer and director for nine stage productions; and

WHEREAS, her work has been appreciated by international stars, such as, Ms. Betty Wright, Nikki Giovanni, Robert Townsend, Kim Coles, Fantasia, Lenny Williams. Ms. Vaughns' poetry has also been recognized locally by figures, such as, President of Florida Memorial University, Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, and Rick Party; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca "Butterfly" Vaughns' talents and artistic contributions have enriched our culture and our society. Through her gift of poetry, Ms. Vaughns has made it possible for young people to aspire to greater things in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-067 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Rebecca Vaughns.

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

Presented this fifth day of August, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary