

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH
AND M-DCPS PARENT JILLIAN ELLIS**

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

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

Jillian Ellis is a well-respected and accomplished soccer coach with experience at all levels including youth, college and national. Ms. Ellis' most recent achievement was taking the helm of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. Under her leadership, the team won its first World Cup Championship since 1999. The winning team reigned victorious over their rival Japan during the July 5th finale in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ms. Ellis is a Miami resident and the proud mother of Lily, a student at Coral Reef Elementary School. Between school runs, she was able to lead and motivate her cadre of elite athletes. As a child in her native Great Britain, there were no organized soccer teams for girls. It was only when she came to this country and attended The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia that she was able to hone her athletic prowess and become an All-American.

Ms. Ellis coached at various top universities before becoming head coach at UCLA, where she led the team to eight "Final Four" appearances in her 12-year tenure. Seven of those were consecutive. After settling in Miami last year, she was approached about coaching the national team by the U.S. Soccer Federation president, Sunil Gulati.

Jillian Ellis is to be commended for demonstrating the principles of sportsmanship, perseverance and excellence. Her work with the U.S. Women's National Team will inspire future generations of young athletes to reach for their goals.

ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing U.S. Women's Soccer Coach and M-DCPS parent Jillian Ellis.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING U.S.WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH AND M-DCPS PARENT
JILLIAN ELLIS**

WHEREAS, Jillian Ellis is a well-respected and accomplished soccer coach with experience at all levels including youth, college and national; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis' most recent achievement was taking the helm of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. Under her leadership, the team won its first World Cup Championship since 1999. The winning team reigned victorious over their rival Japan during the July 5th finale in Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis is a Miami resident and the proud mother of Lily, a student at Coral Reef Elementary School. Between school runs, she was able to lead and motivate her cadre of elite athletes. As a child in her native Great Britain, there were no organized soccer teams for girls. It was only when she came to this country and attended The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia that she was able to hone her athletic prowess and become an All-American; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis coached at various top universities before becoming head coach at UCLA, where she led the team to eight "Final Four" appearances in her 12-year tenure. Seven of those were consecutive. After settling in Miami last year, she was approached about coaching the national team by the U.S. Soccer Federation president, Sunil Gulati; and

WHEREAS, Jillian Ellis is to be commended for demonstrating the principles of sportsmanship, perseverance and excellence. Her work with the U.S. Women's National Team will inspire future generations of young athletes to reach for their goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing U.S. Women's Soccer Coach and M-DCPS parent Jillian Ellis.

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