

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-013 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2016 WILSON SCHOLARS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. A dropout prevention program, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors. The program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult mentors, who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance. The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project serves more than 8,000 students in 98 schools in Miami-Dade County, 700 students in 65 chapters in Pinellas County and 10 chapters in Duval County Public Schools.

This year, Wilson Scholars included students from the following senior high schools: American, Coral Gables, Design & Architecture, Felix Varela, Hialeah, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Central, Miami Coral Park, Miami Edison, Miami Jackson, Miami Killian, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Northwestern, Miami Senior, North Miami, North Miami Beach, and William H. Turner Technical. Since the program's inception, over \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 16-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2016 Wilson Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-013
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2016
WILSON SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board member, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's mission is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth and provide them with alternatives to dropping out of school and self-destructive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult volunteers who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

WHEREAS, recently, 81 graduating seniors were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, since the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's inception, over \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 16-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2016 Wilson Scholars.

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

Presented this third day of February, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary