

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-068 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER OF CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES, INC.

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The Continental Societies, Inc. was created in 1956 and nationally incorporated 16 years later. The public service organization was established to support the socio-economic and cultural welfare of underprivileged children and youth. The Miami Chapter was founded on January 30, 1988, under the leadership of Vashti Armbrister and Earlene P. Dotson, who served as the first president. The Greater Miami Continentals received the 32nd chapter of the Continental Societies in its 32nd year. The founders gathered a select group of 13 enterprising, dynamic and innovative Christian women from a wide range of professions and backgrounds who were determined to foster, promote and improve the lives of disadvantaged children and youth.

The Greater Miami Continentals follow a five-point plan - Health, Education, Employment, and Recreation (HEER). In addition to HEER, the organization emphasizes arts and humanities. The women volunteer their time at schools and hospitals as well as the homes of youth who are mentally and emotionally challenged. They are active in the community through hosting programs on various topics including education, college scholarships, fitness, asthma awareness, camp sponsorships, shoe drives and young adult workforce readiness. The Greater Miami Continentals help college-bound students prepare with clothes and books, and also feed the homeless during the holidays.

The Greater Miami Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc., under current president Dr. Doris Granberry, are to be commended for making a positive impact on the lives of the youth in Miami-Dade County. Their hard work has enriched the lives of those they touched.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Greater Miami Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-068
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER OF CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Continental Societies, Inc. was created in 1956 and nationally incorporated 16 years later. The public service organization was established to support the socio-economic and cultural welfare of underprivileged children and youth. The Miami Chapter was founded on January 30, 1988, under the leadership of Vashti Armbrister and Earlene P. Dotson, who served as the first president; and

WHEREAS, the founders gathered a select group of 13 enterprising, dynamic and innovative Christian women from a wide range of professions and backgrounds who were determined to foster, promote and improve the lives of disadvantaged children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Continentals follow a five-point plan - Health, Education, Employment, and Recreation (HEER). In addition to HEER, the organization emphasizes arts and humanities. The women volunteer their time at schools and hospitals as well as the homes of youth who are mentally and emotionally challenged; and

WHEREAS, they are active in the community through hosting programs on various topics including education, college scholarships, fitness, asthma awareness, camp sponsorships, shoe drives and young adult workforce readiness. The Greater Miami Continentals help college-bound students prepare with clothes and books, and also feed the homeless during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc., under current president Dr. Doris Granberry, are to be commended for making a positive impact on the lives of the youth in Miami-Dade County. Their hard work has enriched the lives of those they touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Greater Miami Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary