

Dr. Marta Pérez Wurtz, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-093 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE ROBIN PRENDES OF THE UNITED STATES ROWING TEAM**

REVISED

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY**

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Every year our district takes pride in graduating students who go on to pursue higher education at prestigious colleges and universities. We take even greater pride when a few of those students distinguish themselves internationally by representing the United States at the Olympic Games. Revised

Robin Prendes graduated in 2007 from Miami Coral Park Senior High School after attending Shenandoah Elementary, Shenandoah Middle, and Ruben Dario Middle Schools. He went on to graduate from Princeton University in 2011 with a degree in economics.

Born in Matanzas, Cuba, Robin arrived in the United States at the age of 6 with his parents Rodolfo and Victoria Prendes. In his early teens he was encouraged by his father to join a local rowing club, thereby sparking an interest in the sport. While still in high school Robin finished second in the junior single sculls and third in the junior quadruple sculls in the 2005 USRowing National Championships. He went on to finish second in the quadruple sculls at the 2005 USRowing Youth Invitational. In 2006 he won both the single and double sculls at the Junior World Championship Trials. In the global arena, Robin participated in the World Rowing Junior Championships and the South American Speed Championships. REVISED

More fame and glory awaited Robin during his college years: He won the lightweight double sculls at the 2008 USRowing Under 23 World Championship Trials. In 2009 he won the lightweight varsity eight at the IRA Championships, and the lightweight varsity eight at the Eastern Springs Regatta.

After graduation Robin qualified for the 2012 Olympic Games in London where he proudly represented the United States. He went on to earn a silver medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto and again represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in several events.

Robin's plans for the future include relocating to the South Florida area and possibly pursuing graduate school. He credits his parents as his inspiration. He serves as a role model for all children of immigrant parents who pursue their dreams and aspirations. He is to be commended for his extraordinary achievements.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to present this proclamation to Mr. Robin Prendes before he fulfills professional commitments.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-093 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Olympic athlete Robin Prendes of the United States Rowing Team. REVISED

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-093  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE ROBIN PRENDES OF THE UNITED STATES ROWING TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, every year our district takes pride in graduating students who go on to pursue higher education at prestigious colleges and universities. We take even greater pride when a few of those students distinguish themselves internationally by representing the United States at the Olympic Games; and

**WHEREAS**, Robin Prendes graduated in 2007 from Miami Coral Park Senior High School after attending Shenandoah Elementary, Shenandoah Middle, and Ruben Dario Middle schools. He went on to graduate from Princeton University in 2011 with a degree in economics. Born in Matanzas, Cuba, Mr. Prendes arrived in the United States at the age of 6 with his parents Rodolfo and Victoria. In his early teens he was encouraged by his father to join a local rowing club, thereby sparking an interest in the sport; and

**WHEREAS**, while still in high school Mr. Prendes finished second in the junior single sculls and third in the junior quadruple sculls in the 2005 USRowing National Championships. He went on to finish second in the quadruple sculls at the 2005 USRowing Youth Invitational. In 2006, he won both the single and double sculls at the Junior World Championship Trials. In the global arena, Mr. Prendes participated in the World Rowing Junior Championships and the South American Speed Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, more fame and glory awaited Mr. Prendes during his college years: He won the lightweight double sculls at the 2008 USRowing Under 23 World Championship Trials. In 2009 he won the lightweight varsity eight at the IRA Championships, and the lightweight varsity eight at the Eastern Springs Regatta; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation he qualified for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, where he proudly represented the United States. He went on to earn a silver medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto and again represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in several events; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Prendes' plans for the future include relocating to the South Florida area and possibly pursuing graduate school. He credits his parents as his inspiration. He serves as a role model for all children of immigrant parents who pursue their dreams and aspirations and is to be commended for his extraordinary achievements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-093 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Olympic athlete Robin Prendes of the United States Rowing Team.

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

**Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

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Secretary

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