

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JUAN BORGES**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED
STAKEHOLDERS**

Born in Havana, Cuba, Juan Borges arrived at age 16 in the United States as part of the Peter Pan Refugee Program. Accompanied only by his younger brother without any family members in Florida, the teen brothers were assigned to the Child Welfare System and later to the Catholic Welfare System where they lived with 30 other boys. Mr. Borges arrived in Florida with hopes of working for a pharmaceutical company.

Mr. Borges graduated from La Salle High School in 1969 and from Miami-Dade College in 1971. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Atlantic University in 1973.

After graduation, Mr. Borges joined Baxter Travenol Laboratories where he began as a Medical Sales Representative for the South Florida region. He was promoted to International Marketing Specialist for Latin America and then to President of Baxter Travenol Laboratories in Venezuela. Finally, he was promoted to General Manager of their Export Corporation, putting him in charge of the company's export program in its entirety.

He founded Biomedical International Corporation in 1982, providing medical supplies throughout the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. What first began as a one man operation, now has over 30 employees and has been included in the Top 100 Hispanic Companies in Miami-Dade County and Hispanic Business Magazine's Top 500 Largest Hispanic Owned Corporations in the Nation as well as one of the Top 100 Fastest Growing Hispanic Companies.

Biomedical International Corporation is a proud Dade Partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, giving back to our schools and to our community on a multitude of occasions. Mr. Borges is to be commended for his incredible success and for his contributions to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Juan Borges.