

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-001 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN L. BOVO, JR.**

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

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The Honorable Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. has dedicated nearly two decades to public service, to the benefit of residents of Hialeah, Miami Lakes, Palm Springs North, and several other unincorporated neighborhoods, as well as citizens across Miami-Dade County. Recently, he was elected as Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, a position of great responsibility to nearly 3 million residents in this community.

Mr. Bovo is known for the passion and intellect he brings to his work, along with competency and common sense. He has long been an advocate for safety for our youth and has worked to find solutions to one of the most trying issues in our community - violence toward our youth, particularly in poor communities. He wants to empower our students and their families to take back their neighborhoods.

Mr. Bovo has gone the extra mile to help underserved portions of our community by examining the details of situations to improve safety to life issues. He has worked to bring safer walkways to schools, streamline bus transportation, and forbid highway roadwork during peak traffic hours.

Mr. Bovo has been a leader in recognizing the severe impact human trafficking can have against our youth and fighting it in ingenious ways. He facilitated teaching the County's transportation workers to identify children who have been abducted and trafficked, and worked with Florida's Legislature to strengthen its laws against human trafficking.

As the incoming Chair of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Bovo has announced his intention to tackle big issues in an expedited manner. He plans to have audit staff research issues independently to verify the administration's recommendations. And he has promised to take on the vexing challenges of expanding the county's transit system, renovating the court system and updating the corrections system.

Mr. Bovo's public service career began in 1998 with the Hialeah City Council. He rose to become Council's president, earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, and developed a reputation as a consensus builder. He served two terms in the Florida Legislature, representing House District 110, where he worked to find safe havens for newborn children and memorialized the Bay of Pigs invasion. He served as the Chair of the Hispanic Caucus and the House Committee on Business Regulation, where his contemporaries honored him for fighting to free private industry from burdensome business regulations.

Mr. Bovo was elected to the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners in 2011, representing District 13, which includes the vibrant and diverse communities of Hialeah, Miami Lakes, and Palm Springs North, among others. He has chaired the Board's Transportation and Mobility Committee as well as the Finance Committee.

Mr. Esteban L. Bovo has been an extraordinary leader and public servant for the residents of Miami-Dade County for 19 years and a valued resident of Miami-Dade County for more than 45 years.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ESTEBAN L. BOVO, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. has dedicated nearly two decades to public service, benefitting the residents of Hialeah, Miami Lakes, Palm Springs North, and several other unincorporated neighborhoods, as well as citizens across Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bovo was elected as Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, a position of great responsibility to nearly 3 million residents in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bovo is known for the passion and intellect he brings to his work, along with competency and common sense. He has long been an advocate for safety for our youth and has worked to find solutions to one of the most trying issues in our community - violence toward our youth, particularly in poor communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bovo has gone the extra mile to help underserved portions of our community by addressing safety-to-life issues. He has worked to bring safer walkways to schools, streamline bus transportation, and forbid highway roadwork during peak traffic hours; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bovo has been a leader in recognizing the severe impact human trafficking can have against our youth and fighting it in ingenious ways. He facilitated teaching the County's transportation workers to identify children who have been abducted and trafficked, and worked with Florida's Legislature to strengthen laws against human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, as the incoming Chair of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Bovo has announced his intention to tackle big issues in an expedited manner. He plans to have audit staff research issues independently to verify the administration's recommendations. And he has promised to take on the vexing challenges of expanding the county's transit system, renovating the court system and updating the corrections system; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Esteban L. Bovo has been an extraordinary leader and public servant for the residents of Miami-Dade County for 19 years and a valued friend, neighbor and resident of Miami-Dade County for more than 45 years.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

**Presented this twenty-fifth day of January, A.D. 2017**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary