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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-025
 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
 FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF
 EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2017 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 mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project 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 103 schools in Miami-Dade County, 700 students in 62 chapters in Pinellas County and 361 students in 10 chapters in Duval County Public Schools.

This year, Wilson Scholars included students from the following senior high schools: Booker T. Washington, Coral Gables, Coral Reef, Felix Varela, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Coral Park, Miami Jackson, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Norland, Miami Northwestern, Miami Palmetto, North Miami Beach, South Dade and William H. Turner Technical Arts. Since the inception of the program, over \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2017 Wilson Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2017
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 mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project 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, 62 graduating seniors were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, more than \$10 million in scholarships have been awarded to graduating seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2017 Wilson Scholars.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary