

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-065 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAM TAKING FIRST PLACE OVERALL IN THE 2017 U.S. ARMY NATIONAL DRILL COMPETITION - FEMALE UNARMED DIVISION.

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The mission of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is to motivate young people to become better citizens. The program teaches seven army values, which include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

The program prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. It is a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and it provides instruction and rewarding opportunities, which will benefit the student, community, and nation.

The JROTC at North Miami Beach Senior High School was established in 2001. Under the leadership of retired Major Michael Rountree, Sergeant First Class's Peter Serrano, Sergeant First Class Franklin Marquez as the Army instructors, and Principal Randy Milliken, the program has experienced tremendous growth and success. The program has 272 students, and 60 of them participate on one or more of the teams such as the Drill, Raiders, Academic or Leadership teams.

On April 1, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky, North Miami Beach Senior High School's Female Unarmed Division of JROTC won first place overall in the 2017 U.S. Army National Drill Competition. The platoon included:

Lauren Dozier, Shanice Jean, Genesis Blanco, Anir Marquez, Nerely Mejia, Karen Kain, Shereka Samuels, Kyanna Imenso, Princess Francois, Catherina Sylvestre, Ochin Gonzalez, Sarah Wright, Gabriela Myles.

The competition is based on performance in the inspection phase, regulation marching, color guard, and exhibition drill.

North Miami Beach Senior High School was selected as one of 10 schools to represent 6th Brigade against the other Brigades in the country competing for a National Drill Title. Only 5 schools from Florida were selected to compete in the Unarmed Division.

The Lady Chargers placed in all the events in the 2017 Army Nationals Unarmed division, winning the overall championship. The final results were first place in the Unarmed Inspection, second place in the Unarmed Regulation, second place in Unarmed color guard, and third place in Unarmed Exhibition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY:

DR. MARTIN KARP:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-065 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the North Miami Beach Senior High School JROTC Program taking first place overall in the 2017 U.S. Army National Drill Competition - Female Unarmed Division.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL JROTC PROGRAM TAKING
FIRST PLACE OVERALL IN THE 2017 U.S. ARMY NATIONAL DRILL COMPETITION -
FEMALE UNARMED DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the mission of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is to motivate young people to become better citizens. The program teaches seven army values, which include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage; and

WHEREAS, the program prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. It is a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and it provides instruction and rewarding opportunities, which will benefit the student, community, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC was established at North Miami Beach Senior High School in 2001, with retired Major Rountree, Sergeant First Class Serrano and Sergeant First Class Harris as the Army Instructors; and

WHEREAS, the program has 272 students, and 60 of them participate on one or more of teams such as the Drill, Raiders, Academic or Leadership teams. Many more students participate on North Miami Beach Senior High School's sports teams and various clubs and honor societies; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC is based on self-development within a military framework that includes classroom instruction from Monday through Friday. The course contains leadership labs, guest speakers, physical training, and discussions; and

WHEREAS, Major Michael Rountree, Sergeant First Class Peter Serrano, Sergeant First Class Franklin Marquez, Principal Randy A. Milliken and the 15 female cadets in the platoon are to be commended for their leadership, skills, and accomplishments in representing their school and community at the highest levels of JROTC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-065 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the North Miami Beach Senior High School JROTC Program taking first place overall in the 2017 U.S. Army National Drill Competition - Female Unarmed Division.

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

Presented this twenty-fourth day of May, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary