

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-062 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2019 ANA MARIA MIYARES FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS: EDUARDO ALVAREZ, JODI ENGLISH, LOGAN ALVAREZ, AND MAYA ALVAREZ

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The Specials Olympics Florida – Miami-Dade County Team has unanimously selected the Alvarez family to receive the 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award. Eduardo Alvarez, Jodi English, Logan Alvarez and Maya Alvarez have been involved with Special Olympics for nearly 15 years. Ms. Jodi English, who is a teacher at Miami Southridge Senior High School, and her son Logan, who is a Senior there, have gone above and beyond to ensure inclusivity in and out of school for the intellectually disabled. It is because of this and many other reasons that they have been honored with the 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award.

Thanks to the efforts of the Alvarez family, Miami Southridge Senior High School has been selected by ESPN as one of the top 5 Unified Champion schools in the nation. This designation is awarded to schools that embody inclusivity both on and off the field. Special Olympics Florida recognizes the Alvarez family for playing a major role in helping Miami Southridge Senior High School to receive this incredible honor.

Since beginning her career at Miami Southridge Senior High School, Ms. Jodi English has gone above and beyond in ensuring that the athletes with intellectual disabilities are given every opportunity they deserve. Her passion for inclusion has changed the climate revolving peers with intellectual disabilities into one of acceptance and respect. Mr. Eduardo Alvarez, Jodi's husband, has also supported the Special Olympics athletes for many years by coaching and cheering them on.

Logan and Maya have volunteered at Special Olympics competitions since a very young age and have developed relationships with many of the athletes. Logan, who is now a Senior at Miami Southridge, is the President of his schools Unified Sports Club. He helps students with intellectual disabilities feel seen and accepted on and off the field. Logan, like his mother, is passionate about bettering the world and using his voice to advocate for the people who cannot. Maya, a Freshman at Brucie Ball Educational Center, has also been around the Special Olympics family from early on in her life and looks forward to following in her older brothers' footsteps to continue the Alvarez Family legacy.

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This incredibly caring family has set an example of what it means to be selfless and compassionate towards others. It is because of their continued efforts with Special Olympics Florida and Miami Southridge Senior High School that they have been selected to receive this year's Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-062 of The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Special Olympics Florida – Miami-Dade County's 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of The Year Award recipients: Eduardo Alvarez, Jodi English, Logan Alvarez, and Maya Alvarez.

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RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2019 ANA MARIA
MIYARES FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS: EDUARDO ALVAREZ, JODI ENGLISH,
LOGAN ALVAREZ, AND MAYA ALVAREZ

WHEREAS, the Specials Olympics Florida – Miami-Dade County Team has unanimously selected the Alvarez family to receive the 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award. Eduardo Alvarez, Jodi English, Logan Alvarez and Maya Alvarez have been involved with Special Olympics for nearly 15 years. Ms. Jodi English, who is a teacher at Miami Southridge Senior High School, and her son Logan, who is a Senior there, have gone above and beyond to ensure inclusivity in and out of school for the intellectually disabled. It is because of this and many other reasons that they have been honored with the 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of the Alvarez family, Miami Southridge Senior High School has been selected by ESPN as one of the top 5 Unified Champion schools in the nation. This designation is awarded to schools that embody inclusivity both on and off the field. Special Olympics Florida recognizes the Alvarez family for playing a major role in helping Miami Southridge Senior High School to receive this incredible honor; and

WHEREAS, since beginning her career at Miami Southridge Senior High School, Jodi has gone above and beyond in ensuring that the athletes with intellectual disabilities are given every opportunity they deserve. Her passion for inclusion has changed the climate revolving peers with intellectual disabilities into one of acceptance and respect. Eduardo, Jodi's husband, has also supported the Special Olympics athletes for many years by coaching and cheering them on; and

WHEREAS, Logan and Maya have volunteered at Special Olympics competitions since a very young age and have developed relationships with many of the athletes. Logan, who is now a Senior at Miami Southridge, is the President of his schools Unified Sports Club. He helps students with intellectual disabilities feel seen and accepted on and off the field. Logan, like his mother, is passionate about bettering the world and using his voice to advocate for the people who cannot. Maya, a Freshman at Brucie Ball Educational Center, has also been around the Special Olympics family from early on in her life and looks forward to following in her older brothers' footsteps to continue the Alvarez Family legacy; and

WHEREAS, this incredibly caring family has set an example of what it means to be selfless and compassionate towards others. It is because of their continued efforts with Special Olympics Florida and Miami Southridge Senior High School that they have been selected to receive this year's Ana Maria Miyares Family of the Year Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Special Olympics Florida – Miami-Dade County's 2019 Ana Maria Miyares Family of The Year Award recipients: Eduardo Alvarez, Jodi English, Logan Alvarez, and Maya Alvarez.

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

Presented this twenty day of November, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary