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SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZES THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2021 WILSON SCHOLARS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION & 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/mentoring 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 110 chapters in Miami-Dade County. Chapters are also located throughout Florida - Pinellas County, Duval County, Broward County and in Detroit, Michigan.

This year, Wilson Scholars include students from the following senior high schools: Alonzo & Tracy Mournig, Booker T. Washington, Coral Reef, Felix Varela, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Central, Miami Coral Park, Miami Edison, Miami Jackson, Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College, Miami Northwestern, Miami Palmetto, Miami Senior, Miami Southridge, North Miami, 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, recognize the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2021 Wilson Scholars.

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