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**SUBJECT:                    REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-007 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2023 WILSON SCHOLARS**

**COMMITTEE:                ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:                        RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & 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 120 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 includes students from the following senior high schools: Alonzo & Tracy Mourning, Booker T. Washington, Coral Gables, Coral Reef, DASH, G. Holmes Braddock, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Coral Park, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Northwestern, North Miami, North Miami Beach, and William H. Turner Technical Arts. Since the inception of the program, over \$50 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. 23-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2023 Wilson Scholars.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-007  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE  
5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2023  
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. The program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult volunteers who provide them with advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Wilson Scholars include students from the following senior high schools: Alonzo & Tracy Mournig, Booker T. Washington, Coral Gables, Coral Reef, DASH, G. Holmes Braddock, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Coral Park, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Northwestern, North Miami, North Miami Beach and William H. Turner Technical Arts and recently, the 49 graduating seniors were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, more than \$50 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. 23-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2023 Wilson Scholars.

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

**Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2023**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary