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SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-055 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY “COACH LAMB” PRESLEY.

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Shirley “Coach Lamb” Presley exemplifies a lifetime of dedicated service and passion for the field of education. Ms. Shirley Presley, a retired educator, committed an astounding 42 years of her life to shaping the minds of countless students, especially in the area of exceptional education. Most of her esteemed career, spanning 39 years, was spent at Edison Park K-8 Center, where she displayed an unwavering commitment and unswerving devotion to teaching, particularly students with an extensive range of abilities and a variety of needs.

Throughout her tenure at Edison Park, Ms. Presley’s commitment to excellence extended beyond the classroom, serving for over 20 years as the Head Delegate for Special Olympics, Girl Scout/Boy Scout leader for Special Education (SPED) students, and United Way Student/Faculty Ambassador. She also contributed significantly to various committees and events, including Black History, Theodore Gibson Oratorical Contest, Science Fair, Spirit Week, and the initiation of the Black History Jeopardy game show at Edison Park. Moreover, Ms. Shirley Presley’s invaluable contributions to her school community included the sponsorship of the Halloween Parade and Costume Contests, provision of costumes and props for SPED, Christmas, and musical programs, in addition to bringing characters to life during the Literacy Parade.

Ms. Shirley Presley’s devotion to service reached beyond her school community as well. She played a key role as Founder of the Super Peewee Cheer for the Miami-Dade and Broward Super Peewee Football and Cheer League. She was also the Scholastic Coordinator for the Liberty City Optimist Club of Florida, where she served as Head Scholastic Coordinator for Greater Miami South Florida Pop Warner. During her 33 years with Liberty City Optimist Club, she wore many hats, including Lifetime Board Member, Fundraiser, T-Ball Coach, Super Peewee Cheer Coach, Soccer Coach, Head Cheer Commissioner, and after-school tutor. Always an educator at heart, her most rewarding experiences stemmed from her dedication to tutoring children of all ages, attending parent and teacher conferences, visiting classrooms, and sponsoring book events for all.

Ms. Shirley Presley’s dedication to education and community started early in her life. Her high school journey was marked by her role as a member of her school’s color guard and her enthusiastic participation in the school band during school assemblies, and pre-game and half-time shows during football games. She was also managing editor of the school newspaper and

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senior editor for the yearbook staff. Her talent and dedication in journalism led to her receiving a scholarship to Miami-Dade Junior College from the well-known newscaster Ralph Renick. She then continued her educational journey, receiving an Associate Degree in Journalism. She pursued further education at Barry University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, setting the foundation for her lifelong career in teaching exceptional students.

This resolution recognizes Shirley “Coach Lamb” Presley whose greatest reward has been the opportunity to guide and witness the intellectual and psychological development of young minds. We appreciate her lifelong dedication, commitment, and profound impact on education for the betterment of our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Shirley “Coach Lamb” Presley.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-055 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY “COACH LAMB” PRESLEY.**

WHEREAS, Shirley “Coach Lamb” Presley exemplifies a lifetime of dedicated service and passion for the field of education. Ms. Shirley Presley, a retired educator, committed an astounding 42 years of her life to shaping the minds of countless students, especially in the area of exceptional education. Most of her esteemed career, spanning 39 years, was spent at Edison Park K-8 Center, where she displayed an unwavering commitment and unswerving devotion to teaching, particularly students with an extensive range of abilities and a variety of needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at Edison Park, Ms. Presley’s commitment to excellence extended beyond the classroom, serving for over 20 years as the Head Delegate for Special Olympics, Girl Scout/Boy Scout leader for Special Education (SPED) students, and United Way Student/Faculty Ambassador. She also contributed significantly to various committees and events, including Black History, Theodore Gibson Oratorical Contest, Science Fair, Spirit Week, and the initiation of the Black History Jeopardy game show at Edison Park. Moreover, Ms. Shirley Presley’s invaluable contributions to her school community included the sponsorship of the Halloween Parade and Costume Contests, provision of costumes and props for SPED, Christmas, and musical programs, in addition to bringing characters to life during the Literacy Parade; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Shirley Presley’s dedication to education and community started early in her life. Her high school journey was marked by her role as a member of her school’s color guard and her enthusiastic participation in the school band during school assemblies, and pre-game and half-time shows during football games. She was also managing editor of the school newspaper and senior editor for the yearbook staff. Her talent and dedication in journalism led to her receiving a scholarship to Miami-Dade Junior College from the well-known newscaster Ralph Renick. She then continued her educational journey, receiving an Associate Degree in Journalism. She pursued further education at Barry University, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, setting the foundation for her lifelong career in teaching exceptional students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Shirley “Coach Lamb” Presley whose greatest reward has been the opportunity to guide and witness the intellectual and psychological development of young minds. We appreciate her lifelong dedication, commitment, and profound impact on education for the betterment of our community.

A copy of this proclamation is placed in the permanent record of this Board.

Presented this fifteenth day of November, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary