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ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2024 WILSON SCHOLARS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, 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 (and current member of the U.S. House of Representatives), Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education. Formulated as a dropout prevention program, the mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is to intervene in the lives of at-risk youth by providing them with alternatives to dropping out of school and/or engaging in 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 124 schools in Miami-Dade County, 962 students in 62 chapters in Pinellas County and 700 students in 37 chapters in Duval County Public Schools.

This year, Wilson Scholars were comprised of Alonzo & Tracy Mournig, American, Booker T. Washington, Coral Gables, Coral Reef, Dr. Michael M. Krop, Felix Varela, G. Holmes Braddock, Miami Carol City, Miami Central, Miami Killian, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Norland, North Miami Beach, North Miami, and William H. Turner Technical Arts high schools. Since its inception the program has awarded more than \$50 million in scholarships to graduating seniors.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. STEVE GALLON III:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2024 Wilson Scholars.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2024
WILSON SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project was founded in 1993 by then-Miami-Dade County School Board Member and current member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Frederica S. Wilson, a steadfast supporter of improving public education, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is committed to guiding minority boys along a carefully chartered path to manhood and sending them to college; and

WHEREAS, the program pairs male students, ages 9-19, with successful professional adult volunteers who provide advice, guidance, and educational assistance; and

WHEREAS, recently, 52 graduating seniors were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence 31st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, since its inception the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, has awarded more than \$50 million in scholarships to graduating seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2024 Wilson Scholars.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary