

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. MIRIAM KLEIN KASSENOFF

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Miriam Klein Kassenoff is a child survivor and Holocaust Educator who fled Kosice, Slovakia, in 1941 via Lisbon, Portugal, in open hiding and on the run, along with her parents and infant brother, the late Federal Honorable Judge Ted Klein. She is the Founding Director of the Teacher Institute on Holocaust Studies for the University of Miami's School of Education and has educated thousands of teachers and students throughout the years.

As the Education Specialist for Holocaust Studies for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Klein Kassenoff is responsible for all staff development and Holocaust teacher training throughout the district. She is a member of the USHMM Council of Holocaust Centers and serves as an appointee to the Florida Education Commissioner's Holocaust Task Force.

Honored for her lifetime of dedication and impactful contributions, Dr. Klein Kassenoff has received numerous prestigious awards. She was selected as one of the "Outstanding Pioneer Women", recognized with the "Woman of Impact Award", and bestowed the "Tikkun Olam Award" by the Haitian Holocaust Refugee Project. Additionally, in 2019, she was honored with "The Lifetime Achievement Award".

Dr. Klein Kassenoff has completed work as Education Consultant for the landmark film, *The Last Witness of Treblinka*, in cooperation with the eminent Holocaust Scholar, Dr. Michael Berenbaum. She has participated in extensive studies at Yad Vashem's International Center for Holocaust Studies and was also chosen to preview and help suggest curricula ideas for Warsaw's Museum of the History of Poland's Jews.

Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff continues to provide school support and remains steadfast in her commitment to fostering empathy and understanding through her leadership, advocacy and passion. Her dedication to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and its victims serves as a beacon of hope and ensures that the future generation never forgets these vital lessons.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff for her tireless dedication and commitment to Holocaust education.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
DR. MIRIAM KLEIN KASSENOFF FOR HER TIRELESS DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT TO HOLOCAUST EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Miriam Klein Kassenoff is a child survivor and Holocaust Educator who fled Kosice, Slovakia, in 1941 via Lisbon, Portugal, in open hiding and on the run, along with her parents and infant brother, the late Federal Honorable Judge Ted Klein. She is the Founding Director of the Teacher Institute on Holocaust Studies for the University of Miami's School of Education and has educated thousands of teachers and students throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, as the Education Specialist for Holocaust Studies for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Klein Kassenoff is responsible for all staff development and Holocaust teacher training throughout the district. She is a member of the USHMM Council of Holocaust Centers and serves as an appointee to the Florida Education Commissioner's Holocaust Task Force; and

WHEREAS, honored for her lifetime of dedication and impactful contributions, Dr. Klein Kassenoff has received numerous prestigious awards. She was selected as one of the "Outstanding Pioneer Women", recognized with the "Woman of Impact Award", and bestowed the "Tikkun Olam Award" by the Haitian Holocaust Refugee Project. Additionally, in 2019, she was honored with "The Lifetime Achievement Award"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Klein Kassenoff has completed work as Education Consultant for the landmark film, *The Last Witness of Treblinka*, in cooperation with the eminent Holocaust Scholar, Dr. Michael Berenbaum. She has participated in extensive studies at Yad Vashem's International Center for Holocaust Studies and was also chosen to preview and help suggest curricula ideas for Warsaw's Museum of the History of Poland's Jews; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff continues to provide school support and remains steadfast in her commitment to fostering empathy and understanding through her leadership, advocacy and passion. Her dedication to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and its victims serves as a beacon of hope and ensures that the future generation never forgets these vital lessons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff for her tireless dedication and commitment to Holocaust education.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary