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ACTION

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-011 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS OF 2025 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 (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 131 schools in Miami-Dade County, 962 students in 62 chapters in Pinellas County, 700 students in 37 chapters in Duval County Public Schools and 18 inaugural chapters in Los Angeles Unified School District.

This year, Wilson Scholars were comprised of students from Coral Gables, Coral Reef, G. Holmes Braddock, Miami Beach, Miami Carol City, Miami Coral Park, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami Norland, Miami Northwestern, Miami Senior, South Dade, and William H. Turner Technical Arts Senior High School. 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 25-011 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2025 Wilson Scholars.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 25-011 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT CLASS  
OF 2025 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 guiding principle of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is a nugget of wisdom taken from Frederick Douglas, which states “it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men”.

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

**WHEREAS**, recently, 45 Wilson Scholars were recognized at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence 32nd 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. 25-011 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Class of 2025 Wilson Scholars.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of February, A.D. 2025**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary