

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-042 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Seventy-five years ago, in the heart of Coral Gables, a vision was brought to life. A vision of academic excellence, spirited community, and lifelong impact. Coral Gables Senior High School first opened its doors in 1950, and from that moment on, it became more than just a school; it became a home, a cornerstone, and a place where generations would grow, lead, and return with pride. It's architectural design reflects a Spanish influence with open courtyards adorned with water fountains.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida celebrates a milestone — the 75th anniversary of Coral Gables Senior High School. This is not just a celebration of time passed, but of the legacy built along the way. From the earliest Cavaliers who walked the halls of the school building to the students who walk them now, this school has stood as a symbol of integrity, excellence, and resilience.

Through decades of change, Coral Gables Senior High School has remained constant in its mission: to educate, inspire, and empower. It has seen championship teams ignite school spirit, trailblazing alumni change the world, and dedicated teachers leave lifelong imprints on their students. Its classrooms have sparked curiosity. Its campus has fostered friendship. And its traditions have endured, stronger with every year.

The "Walk Through the Decades" we celebrate today is more than a stroll through history. It is a reminder that every graduate, every teacher, and every staff member has helped shape the story of this school. The laughter, challenges, victories, and dreams shared here live on in the memories of those who called Gables home.

Over the course of its 75-year history, Coral Gables Senior High School has distinguished itself through a remarkable legacy of awards, achievements, and accolades that reflect its commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and community service. From national recognition as a top ranked school in academic performance and college readiness, Gables has set a standard for educational distinction. Its athletic teams have earned district, regional, and state championships across multiple sports, while its performing arts and debate programs have received statewide acclaim. The school's faculty has been honored with teaching excellence awards, and countless alumni have gone on to achieve prominence in fields ranging from science and law to the arts and public service. These honors not only showcase the talent and dedication within the school community but also underscore Coral Gables Senior High's enduring impact on the local and global stage. Some of these accolades and achievements include the following:

- \$29,182,888 scholarship money awarded to the class of 2024
- 99% graduation rate
- 43 Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses available
- 88% International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma rate)
- National Academy Finance (NAF) Distinguished Academy (2016-2024)
- Over 35 Clubs and Performing clubs
- Over 25 sports team

Coral Gables Senior High School, an A rated school, offers a challenging educational experience designed to prepare students for success in higher education. In addition to earning standard high school credits, students have access to a wide range of Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment courses, providing the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. Those who participate in the Cavaliers Conquer College (C3) program can graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. Students can also pursue specialized interests through the school's various academies. These include the Academy of Liberal Arts (International Baccalaureate), National Academy Foundation (NAF): Academy of Finance, and several other pathways such as the Business, Management, and Information Technology (BMIT) Academy; Communication, Arts, Film, and Digital Media (CAFDM) Academy; Health Science, Public Service, and Law (HSPL) Academy; Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Academy; and Design, Education, and Hospitality (DEH) Academy, which also includes the Cavalier Teaching Academy.

The foundation built over the past 75 years now supports the future; one filled with innovation, opportunity, and the continued pursuit of excellence. The school campus may look different, but the heart of Gables remains the same.

To all students, parents, alumni, faculty, families, community leaders, and friends, we say thank you for your pride, your service, your legacy, your contributions. This resolution is a celebration of the past that shaped the school, the greatness of the present, and the future we continue to build together.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Coral Gables Senior High School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-042 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORAL GABLES SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, 75 years ago, in the heart of Coral Gables, a vision was brought to life. A vision of academic excellence, spirited community, and lifelong impact as Coral Gables Senior High School first opened its doors in 1950;

WHEREAS, through decades of change, Coral Gables Senior High School has remained constant in its mission: to educate, inspire, and empower. Cavaliers who walked the halls of the school building to the students who walk them now, the school has stood as a symbol of integrity, excellence, and resilience;

WHEREAS, over its 75-year history, Coral Gables Senior High School has distinguished itself through a remarkable legacy of awards, achievements, and accolades that reflect its commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and community service;

WHEREAS, the school's faculty has been honored with teaching excellence awards, and countless alumni have gone on to achieve prominence in fields ranging from science and law to the arts and public service;

WHEREAS, Coral Gables Senior High School, an A rated school, offers a challenging educational experience designed to prepare students for success in higher education, offering advanced courses and students can also pursue specialized interests through the school's various academies, including the Academy of Liberal Arts (International Baccalaureate), National Academy Foundation (NAF) Academy of Finance, and several other academy pathways; and

WHEREAS, the foundation built over the past 75 years now supports the future; one filled with innovation, opportunity, and the continued pursuit of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 25-042 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Coral Gables Senior High School.

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

Presented this eighth day of October, A. D. 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY