

August 22, 2000

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-24 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BESTOWING UPON G. HOLMES BRADDOCK THE TITLE OF HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Upon his retirement in November 2000, G. Holmes Braddock will have served as a Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County for 38 years, becoming the longest serving school board member in the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County and one of the longest serving School Board Members in the United States.

A champion of democracy, civil rights and equal education for all students, G. Holmes Braddock served as chairman of the board during the tumultuous desegregation years, was a strong proponent of bilingual education, vigorously promoted the equal treatment of woman in athletics, established the position of Student Advisor to the Board, and established the School Volunteer Program to give communities a sense of ownership in the school system.

An avid supporter of the well-rounded student, G. Holmes Braddock spearheaded the expansion of the district's athletic program, included Art and Music as part of the permanently funded curriculum, and successfully proposed that the school board establish a citizen's task force to draft a Character Education Curriculum.

A voice for underprivileged students, G. Holmes Braddock created the College Assistance Program, Inc. (CAP Inc.) to help students whose families require assistance with the cost of higher education. CAP Inc. provides guidance for students entering post-secondary education and often completes the financial aid package for needy students.

This item requests that the Board approve Resolution No. 00-24, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida bestowing on G. Holmes Braddock the title of Honorary Member upon his retirement in November 2000. This honorary title carries with it the right to speak and attend meetings but carries no duties. After a career as distinguished as that of G. Holmes Braddock, it is appropriate that he be honored with such a title.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PEREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 00-24 bestowing on G. Holmes Braddock the title of Honorary Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County upon his retirement in November 2000.

**REPLACEMENT
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RESOLUTION NO. 00-24 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BESTOWING UPON G. HOLMES BRADDOCK THE TITLE OF HONORARY
MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock has served on the Miami-Dade County School Board for 38 years, making him the longest-serving urban board member in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock was named the "Dean and Official Historian" of the Board by his colleagues earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock, during his many years of service, has worked with 31 different Board Members and 10 different Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock initiated and diligently supported policies to promote equally the interests of every child in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock was committed to equal opportunity for students particularly in the areas of desegregation, bilingual education, athletics, art, music and the College Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G. Holmes Braddock has been an exemplary leader who has helped make Miami-Dade County Public Schools an innovative, nationally respected school district

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-24 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, bestowing upon G. Holmes Braddock the title of honorary member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County

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

Presented this twenty-third day of August, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary