

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 women 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. 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.

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