Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of February 11, 2004

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-10 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MATTIE KOONCE LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCING LEARNING IN OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE:

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Partnerships formed to promote educational initiatives are essential to meeting the challenges of education in today's society. The Mattie Koonce Learning and Technology Center and its many sponsors, exemplify such fine partnerships.

Named in honor of the late Mrs. Mattie A. Koonce, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools' teacher and mother of six children, the center and its program partners provide a wide variety of learning opportunities and services for our community members. These range from free financial and computer literacy classes for adults to comprehensive consulting services for non-profit organizations to tutoring, mentoring and after school enrichment programs for our students.

Clearly, the benefits our community, including its children, derive from the center are immeasurable. Therefore, it is appropriate that this School Board recognize the center for its outstanding contributions to education.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-10 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Mattie Koonce Learning and Technology Center and its contributions to advancing learning in our community.

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-10

OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MATTIE KOONCE LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCING LEARNING IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Mattie Koonce Learning and Technology Center exemplifies what forming outstanding partnerships with the community can accomplish; and

WHEREAS, such partnerships are needed more than ever to help meet the needs of education in today's society; and

WHEREAS, community members of all ages have been provided with a wide variety of learning opportunities through the Mattie Koonce Learning and Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, these learning opportunities have ranged from financial and computer literacy classes for adults to comprehensive consulting services for non-profit organizations to tutoring, mentoring and after school enrichment programs for our students; and

WHEREAS, the center's namesake, the late Mrs. Mattie A. Koonce, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools graduate and teacher as well as mother of six children: Dr. George M. Koonce, Jr., Associate Superintendent, Instructional Operations, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Mr. Donald U. Koonce, District Supervisor, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Ms. Marilyn G. Koonce Lindsey, United States Assistant Attorney; Mr. Timothy D. Koonce, Retired Corrections Officer, Miami-Dade County; Mr. Kenneth E. Koonce, Library Assistant, Miami-Dade County; and Ms. Annetta P. Koonce-Rosemond, Dade County Citizens Independent Transportation Trust, would have been proud of the mark the center has made upon the lives of so many people in our community; and

WHEREAS, during her lifetime, Mrs. Koonce's belief in education and its contributions to self-sufficiency and a better community for all never faded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-10 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Mattie Koonce Learning and Technology Center for its contributions to advancing learning in our community.

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:	CHAIR
Secretary	