

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.02-53 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING SENATOR WILLIAM H. "BILL" TURNER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Senator William H. "Bill" Turner, a former member and chair of the Dade County School Board, recently passed away. Senator Turner was an acclaimed, lifelong advocate for children, the elderly and the disadvantaged who dedicated his career exclusively to the service of his community and the residents of Florida. Public service and outstanding citizenship were the hallmarks of Senator Turner's professional and personal lives. He deserves a resolution from this Board to celebrate his memory and his legacy.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. The good cause to vary from this agenda is due to timeliness.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.02-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Senator William H. "Bill" Turner for his outstanding leadership and humanitarian efforts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-53
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING SENATOR WILLIAM H. "BILL" TURNER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
LEADERSHIP AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, Senator William H. "Bill" Turner was an acclaimed, lifelong advocate for children, the elderly and the disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner dedicated his career exclusively to the service of his community and the residents of Florida and, as an elected and appointed public officer, used his office to establish fundamental changes in laws, policies and procedures and;

WHEREAS, outstanding citizenship was the hallmark of Senator Turner's professional and personal life, through his service as a City of Miami police officer, member of the Dade County School Board, administrator and teacher with Dade County Public Schools, administrator with Florida Memorial College, and consultant for the Miami-Dade Community Rapid Transit System and Minority Contractor Training and Development Group; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was first elected to the Dade County School Board in 1971 and was reelected four times through three decades; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was the first African-American to be elected chair of the Dade County School Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Senator Turner was elected to the Florida Senate and, as a state senator, quickly distinguished himself as a leader in education development, the environment, elderly affairs and racial equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner received numerous awards and accolades during his career in public service, including recognition in Who's Who Among Black Americans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 02-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the memory of Senator William H. "Bill" Turner for his outstanding leadership and humanitarian efforts.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary