

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-001 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MICAELA A. BENITO, FIRST GRADE STUDENT AT KEY BISCAZYNE K-8 CENTER

**COMMITTEE:** PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT:** RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Micaela A. Benito is a first-grade student at Key Biscayne K-8 Center. She is in the gifted Extended Foreign Language (EFL) program and enjoys participating in extracurricular activities such as soccer, art, and dance. In her short time as a student, Micaela has had several accomplishments, including the Principal's Honor Roll and she was the top mathematics recipient in her VPK class, as well as the top language arts student in her Kindergarten class.

Her accomplishments go beyond the halls of the school and her enthusiasm, dedication to learning, and drive guide her into a very promising future. Micaela is making a difference and she is already creating a positive and glowing contribution to her school community.

This school year she received the honor of being the recipient of the Citizenship Student of the Month award given by her teachers and classmates. Most recently, she competed in former Florida Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott's 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month Contest. Each year the Governor and his wife sponsored a Hispanic Heritage essay and art contest for all students in the state of Florida. This year's theme was "*A Celebration of Innovative Hispanic-American Leaders.*" Micaela chose to draw about Cuban-American Aimee Viana, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. She was one of only two students who won the student art contest in the entire state of Florida. Micaela and her family were invited to a recognition ceremony at the Governor's Mansion where Former Governor Scott and First Lady Ann Scott acknowledged Micaela and presented her with a framed drawing of her winning art submission.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Micaela A. Benito, first grade student at Key Biscayne K-8 Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-001  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING MICAELA A. BENITO, FIRST GRADE STUDENT AT  
KEY BISCAWAYNE K-8 CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Micaela A. Benito is a first-grade student at Key Biscayne K-8 Center. She is in the gifted Extended Foreign Language (EFL) program and enjoys participating in extracurricular activities such as soccer, art, and dance.

**WHEREAS**, in her short time as a student, Micaela has had several accomplishments, including the Principal's Honor Roll and she was the top mathematics recipient in her VPK class, as well as the top language arts student in her Kindergarten class.

**WHEREAS**, her accomplishments go beyond the halls of the school and her enthusiasm, dedication to learning, and drive guide her into a very promising future.

**WHEREAS**, Micaela is making a difference and she is already creating a positive and glowing contribution to her school community.

**WHEREAS**, this school year she received the honor of being the recipient of the Citizenship Student of the Month award given by her teachers and classmates

**WHEREAS**, most recently, she competed in former Florida Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott's 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month Contest. She was one of only two students who won the student art contest in the entire state of Florida.

**WHEREAS**, Micaela and her family were invited to a recognition ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. Former Governor Scott and First Lady Ann Scott recognized Micaela and presented her with a framed drawing of her winning art submission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 19-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Micaela A. Benito.

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of January, A. D. 2019**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary