

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM AND MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS AS STATE CHAMPIONS } Revised

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The South Dade Senior High School wrestling team has become known as “The Dynasty”; an appropriate moniker for a team winning their 17th consecutive District Championship, 8th consecutive Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championship, 6th consecutive Regional Championship and their 5th consecutive State Championship. The 2018 team State Championship titles are the 13th and the 14th State Championships in school history.

South Dade is the first team in Florida history to win 5 consecutive “Big School” State Championships. In January, the “Bucs” also won the inaugural FHSAA Class 3A Dual Meet State Championship. This is the first time in Miami-Dade County history a team has won 2 team State Championships in the same year. They advanced a county best 13 out of 14 wrestlers to the State Championships and placed 7 of their wrestlers in the finals, 4 of which won individual state titles. 10 out of the 13 state qualifiers made it to the top of the state podium, all placing in the top 4 at state.

The team was led by 3x State Champion, Brevin Balmeceada and 2x State Champion, Bretli Reyna, sons of Head Coach Vic Balmeceada and Assistant Coach Humberto Reyna. Brevin Balmeceada became the first wrestler in Miami-Dade County history to win the Super 32 Challenge. The Super 32 is considered the toughest wrestling tournament in the country. Brevin is currently the #1 ranked junior in the Nation. 12 South Dade wrestlers were named to the Miami Herald’s first team All Dade County Wrestling Team. 5 Buccaneers are nationally ranked.

In the past 21 years at South Dade Senior High, Head Wrestling Coach Vic Balmeceada has produced 60 individual State Champions, 89 State Place-finishers and has a dual meet record of (380-20). These impressive achievements have been recognized by Wrestling USA Magazine, who ranked the South Dade High School wrestling team as 12th in the nation. The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commends the South Dade Senior High School Wrestling Team, Head Coach Victor Balmeceada and Principal J.C. DeArmas for their perseverance, dedication, skill and sportsmanship in representing South Dade Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition.

The Miami Palmetto Senior High School boys’ and girls’ tennis teams have become known as the “powerhouse” of tennis in South Florida. This season, both teams had undefeated seasons before winning a team state championship and becoming the first boys and girls team to accomplish this in the Village of Pinecrest and Palmetto Bay, respectively.

As one of the most decorated programs in Miami-Dade County, this year they broke county and school records, qualifying 10 players to the team state championship, 10 of whom were GMAC singles champions; 9 district singles champions, 7 regional singles champions, and all 10 singles players on the boys' and girls' teams went on to win the state championship.

Another school record fell, when Samantha Alicea and Ally Hayduk continued to advance past the team competition to the overall competition finals of the number one singles and doubles overall state titles. This accomplishment, advancing past the team competition to the finals of the individual competition, is the only one in history. Numerous players have been nominated for All-Dade honors. This dream team's hard work, dedication, mental toughness and teamwork reflect the heart of their leadership.

Led by 12th year Head Coach Kelly Gibson, Miami Palmetto's boys team record of 20-0, and girls record of 19-0 was a school best. They won the GMAC, district, regional and state championship for both boys and girls, dropping only one match and setting another team and county record. The team was encouraged by their Principal Victoria Dobbs, Assistant Athletic Director John Hayduk, and by their long-time supporter and proud fan, beloved Athletic Director Steve Batten, who kept his promise to attend the championship and sat to cheer them on. Team members rallied on despite injuries, heat exhaustion, and hardship and delivered impressive victories by overcoming all challenges along the journey to success. The School Board commends the Miami Palmetto Senior High School Boys and Girls Tennis Team, Head Coach Kelly Gibson and Principal Victoria Dobbs for their dedication, perseverance, skill and sportsmanship in representing Miami Palmetto Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Dade Senior High Wrestling Team and Miami Palmetto Senior High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams as State Champions.

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WHEREAS, the South Dade Senior High School wrestling team has become known as “The Dynasty”; an appropriate moniker for a team winning their 17th consecutive District Championship, 8th consecutive Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championship, 6th consecutive Regional Championship and their 5th consecutive State Championship. The 2018 team State Championship titles are the 13th and the 14th State Championships in school history. They are the first team in Florida history to win 5 consecutive “Big School” State Championships. In January, the “Bucs” also won the inaugural FHSAA Class 3A Dual Meet State Championship. This is the first time in Miami-Dade County history a team has won 2 team State Championships in the same year. They advanced a county best 13 out of 14 wrestlers to the State Championships and placed 7 of their wrestlers in the finals, 4 of which won individual state titles. 10 out of the 13 state qualifiers made it to the top of the state podium, all placing in the top 4 at state; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by 3x State Champion, Brevin Balmececa and 2x State Champion, Bretli Reyna, sons of Head Coach Vic Balmececa and Assistant Coach Humberto Reyna, respectively. Brevin Balmececa became the first wrestler in Miami-Dade County history to win the Super 32 Challenge. The Super 32 is considered the toughest wrestling tournament in the country. Brevin is currently the #1 ranked junior in the Nation. 12 South Dade wrestlers were named to the Miami Herald’s first team All Dade County Wrestling Team. 5 Buccaneers are nationally ranked; and

WHEREAS, in the past 21 years at South Dade Senior High, Head Wrestling Coach Vic Balmececa has produced 60 individual State Champions, 89 State Place-finishers and has a dual meet record of (380-20). These impressive achievements have been recognized by Wrestling USA Magazine, who ranked the South Dade High School wrestling team as 12th in the nation; The South Dade Senior High School Wrestling Team, Head Coach Victor Balmececa, and Principal J.C. DeArmas are to be commended for their perseverance, dedication, skill and sportsmanship in representing South Dade Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Palmetto Senior High School boys’ and girls’ tennis teams have become known as the “powerhouse” of tennis in South Florida. This season, both teams had undefeated seasons before winning a team state championship and becoming the first boys and girls team to accomplish this in the Village of Pinecrest and Palmetto Bay, respectively. As one of the most decorated programs in Miami-Dade County, this year they broke county and school records, qualifying 10 players to the team state championship, 10 of whom were GMAC singles champions; 9 district singles champions, 7 regional singles champions, and all 10 singles players on the boys’ and girls’ teams went on to win the state championship; and

WHEREAS, another school record fell, when Samantha Alicea and Ally Hayduk continued to advance past the team competition to the overall competition finals of the number one singles and doubles overall state titles. This accomplishment, advancing past the team competition to the finals of the individual competition, is the only one in history. Numerous players have been nominated for All-Dade honors; and

WHEREAS, led by 12th year Head Coach Kelly Gibson, Miami Palmetto’s boys team record of 20-0, and girls record of 19-0 was a school best. They won the GMAC, district, regional and state championship for both boys and girls, dropping only one match and setting another team and county record. The team was encouraged by their Principal Victoria Dobbs, Assistant Athletic Director John Hayduk, and by their long-time supporter and proud fan, beloved Athletic Director Steve Batten, who kept his promise to attend the championship and sat to cheer them on. The Miami Palmetto Senior High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams, Head Coach Kelly Gibson and Principal Victoria Dobbs are to be commended for their dedication, perseverance, skill and sportsmanship in representing Miami Palmetto Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Dade Senior High Wrestling Team and Miami Palmetto Senior High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams as State Champions. } Revised

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary