

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-034 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BETTY FONSECA, OF SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NATIONAL FINALIST IN THE 2017 DOODLE 4 GOOGLE CONTEST

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Google is one of the world's largest online search engines, processing daily over 3.5 billion searches. Each day the website logo, commonly known as a 'doodle', is updated showcasing notable events and anniversaries. The popularity of the designs prompted the company to initiate an annual nationwide contest, known as 'Doodle 4 Google', seeking doodle submissions from students across the country to highlight on its homepage. The contest is designed to encourage students to use their creativity to interpret each year's contest theme, which this year is: "what I see for the future," and incorporate it into the Google logo. Selected drawings are chosen based on artistic merit, creativity, and theme communication.

This year, of the thousands of entries received, a total of 53 finalists, one representing each state and U.S. territory, were selected. Representing the state of Florida as a national finalist is Ms. Betty Fonseca, a 12-grader at South Miami Senior High School. Ms. Fonseca's doodle was inspired by graduation, with the intent of inspiring young women and girls to pursue higher education.

This recognition further highlights the important part student role models play in inspiring their peers in the pursuit of higher education, as well as the value the arts have in the communication of this important message.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-034, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Betty Fonseca, of South Miami Senior High School, national finalist in the 2017 Doodle 4 Google contest.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-034
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING BETTY FONSECA, OF SOUTH MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL,
NATIONAL FINALIST IN THE DOODLE 4 GOOGLE CONTEST

WHEREAS, each year Google sponsors the Doodle 4 Google art contest, with the purpose of encouraging K-12 students across the U.S. to use their creativity to design their own version of the Google 'doodle' that appears on the site's homepage; and

WHEREAS, one of this year's national finalists, representing the state of Florida, is South Miami Senior High School senior Betty Fonseca, whose 'doodle' was inspired by the importance of education for women and girls; and

WHEREAS, her drawing submission depicts a future where "girls are encouraged to pursue higher education regardless of race, ethnic background, or religious affiliation"; and

WHEREAS, Betty's ultimate desire for the future is "for girls to reach for success and overcome obstacles that may get in their way" by highlighting the importance of education in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fonseca's drawing was chosen based on artistic merit, creativity, and the ability to effectively communicate this year's theme, all of which exemplify a high level of talent, passion, and understanding of the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, Betty is an exceptional role model for her peers, and her drawing serves as an inspiration for all students, not only girls, to strive for achieving their academic goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 17-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Betty Fonseca, of South Miami Senior High School, national finalist in the 2017 Doodle 4 Google contest.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary