

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution congratulating Miami-Dade County Public Schools on being named the winner of the 2012 Broad Prize for Urban Education and recognizing the school system and its administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents for their commitment to the singular goal of improving student achievement in an environment characterized by openness, transparency, efficiency, and innovation.

WHEREAS, the Broad Prize for Urban Education is an annual award that honors urban school districts across the nation that are making the greatest progress in raising student achievement, and

WHEREAS, the Broad Prize honors urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among ethnic groups and between high- and low-income students, and

WHEREAS, students in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools outperformed students in a number of the most highly thought of public schools in major metropolitan areas in the National Assessment of Educational Progress Trial Urban District Assessment in science, mathematics, and reading, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools was a finalist for the Broad Prize in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011, and, in 2012 claimed this prestigious honor, and

WHEREAS, as the winner of the Broad Prize, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will receive \$550,000 in college scholarships for graduating seniors, and

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30 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' recognition by
31 the body that awards the Broad Prize is a testament to its
32 concentrated approach in reading instruction, including summer
33 reading camps; reading interventions in elementary, middle, and
34 senior high school, as well as an emphasis on reading across
35 disciplines; a focus on guiding middle school students to
36 advanced-level classes, which increases the pipeline to Advanced
37 Placement courses in high school; and extended learning
38 opportunities through the Links to Learning program and the
39 Superintendent's Success Academy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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43 That we recognize the outstanding achievement of the Miami-
44 Dade County Public Schools and its administrators, teachers,
45 staff, students, and parents for their exemplary achievement in
46 winning the Broad Prize for Urban Education, which shines a
47 national spotlight on the system's sound advances in student
48 achievement.