

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING RUTH A. KARP

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ruth Karp is a distinguished colorblind watercolor artist who has been contributing to the Miami-Dade community since moving with her husband Irving to South Florida in 1950.

As an artist, Ruth won “Best in Show” from the American Artists Professional League, the Miami Watercolor Society, and the Florida Professional Artists Guild. She is the recipient of over 100 other awards. Many of Ruth’s works have been published.

Ruth and her husband realized being in the produce business that there should be more fruit and vegetables served to the students. They came up with the idea of the first salad bar at Miami Beach Senior High School, which is the school their children attended. The salad bar is still there today and has been added to most other high schools. Ruth continues to give art demonstrations in public schools including those classes her grandchildren attend.

Ruth has always been active in her community and takes a stand for what she believes. Ruth was president of the University of Miami Hurricane Club, and she was the first woman to ever hold that position. She and her husband successfully sued a residential club to become members when they weren’t allowing Jewish residents of that community to join. Mrs. Karp contributed to Miami’s Jewish community and other worthy causes, and to cultural arts programs, and worked for the Miami-Beach Parks and Recreation department.

As Ruth Karp celebrates her 90th birthday this month, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the positive impact she has had on local institutions and people’s lives.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ruth A. Karp for her contributions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RUTH A. KARP**

WHEREAS, Ruth Karp is a distinguished colorblind watercolor artist who has been contributing to the Miami-Dade community since moving with her husband Irving to South Florida in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Ruth won “Best in Show” from the American Artists Professional League, the Miami Watercolor Society, and the Florida Professional Artists Guild, and she is the recipient of over 100 other awards. Many of Ruth’s works have been published; and

WHEREAS, Ruth and her husband realized being in the produce business that there should be more fruit and vegetables served to the students. They came up with the idea of the first salad bar at Miami Beach Senior High School, which is the school their children attended.

WHEREAS, Ruth continues to give art demonstrations in many public schools including those classes her grandchildren attend; and

WHEREAS, Ruth has always been active in her community and takes a stand for what she believes. Ruth was president of the University of Miami Hurricane Club and the first woman to ever hold that position. She and her husband successfully sued a residential club to become members when they weren’t allowing Jewish residents of that community to join; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Ruth Karp for the positive impact she has had on local institutions and people’s lives.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary