WHEREAS, studies suggest that more than one third of children in grades 9-12 do not regularly engage in high-intensity physical activity on a daily basis, leading to a rise in childhood obesity. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has led a comprehensive campaign to educate students about healthy lifestyles and eating habits; and

WHEREAS, renowned surgeon and inventor Dr. Ronald DeMeo partnered with the school district by donating sports equipment valued at nearly $20,000 to 30 Miami-Dade public schools; and

WHEREAS, the donation included 175 basketballs, 192 footballs, 192 baseballs, 50 bats and 200 jump ropes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeMeo is an innovator in the field of exercise physiology and fitness training. In addition, he is a longtime advocate of using sports to prevent childhood obesity, create a healthy lifestyle and promote the valuable lessons of teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeMeo is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Ronald DeMeo for his commitment and dedication to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2011

Chair
Superintendent of Schools