RESOLUTION NO. 09-03

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HIALEAH TO PURCHASE 4 FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE STANLEY TATE PROJECT STARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR HIALEAH RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS, WHO QUALIFY AS LOW-INCOME AND ARE AT RISK OF NOT GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, THROUGH THE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE FOUNDATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $22,105.29, WHICH REPRESENTS THE CITY'S 50% PARTICIPATION TOWARDS THE TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP COSTS THAT ARE MATCHED BY THE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE FOUNDATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF $5,400 TO DEFRAY THE COST FOR THE SIX STUDENTS BEING MENTORED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TO FULFILL THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah Scholarship Fund, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, through its Board of Directors, recommended the purchase of 4 four-year college scholarships, which can be used in combination with one or two years of community college, to be awarded to Hialeah residents entering college during the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, upon review of the Report of the Board of Directors, concurs with the recommended course of action; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, more than 15,400 Stanley Tate Project Stars scholarships have been awarded statewide to Florida residents, economically disadvantage and at risk of dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of college scholarship is consistent with the mission of the Mayor's education initiatives and the mission of the City of Hialeah Scholarship Fund, Inc, which is to promote increased high school graduation rates and to provide financial assistance for college education or vocational training after high school for the betterment of the City of Hialeah and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida hereby authorize the City to purchase 4 four-year college scholarships under the Stanley Tate Project STARS scholarship program for Hialeah residents and students, who qualify as low-income and are at risk of not graduating high school, through the Florida Prepaid College Foundation in an amount not to exceed $22,105.29, which represents the City's 50% participation towards the total scholarship costs that are matched by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

Section 3: The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida further authorize the total expenditure of $5,400 to defray the cost for the six students being mentored in middle school and high school to fulfill the eligibility requirements for the college scholarships.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2009.

Carlos Hernandez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 15 day of January, 2009.

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, and Yedra voting "Yes".