



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 10-24

**Resolution in Recognition of the Heroic Rescue Efforts of Four Hollywood Hills High School Football Team Players and Coach Scott Barnwell**

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, July 12, 2009, after a prep football competition in Tampa, members of the Hollywood Hills High School football team helped rescue a Flagler Beach family from a car crash outside Clewiston; and

**WHEREAS**, on their way home, Coach Scott Barnwell, Clarence Murphy Alvin Arnold, Anthony Yerou, and Jared Maldonado crossed the state along the rim of Lake Okeechobee when they saw a man frantically trying to wave down help from the other side of the highway through pouring rain; and

**WHEREAS**, seeing an SUV overturned in the canal, the players and coach immediately turned around and went back to the scene; and

**WHEREAS**, planning ahead in the event there was a child in the SUV, Coach Barnwell, a former Miami-Dade police officer, instructed his players that if there was, he would help the child and the students should help the adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the players ripped off the door of the SUV, saw a child strapped in a car seat, and Coach Barnwell pulled two-year-old granddaughter of James and Juanita Carrillo Bryan to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, James Bryan, who was pulled to safety, screamed that his wife, Juanita Carrillo Bryan, was underwater in the SUV and with the help of another motorist, the students pulled her out to shore; and

**WHEREAS**, Jared Maldonado started CPR on Juanita and did revive her; and

**WHEREAS**, the players did everything possible to save Juanita's life, although, she later died from complications from the accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the moment of the rescue came and went so quickly, but the incident strengthened the bond between the four teammates and their coach; and

**WHEREAS**, this rescue had nothing to do with football, but had everything to do with what the team had learned about each other while playing and practicing together - quick thinking, strategy and teamwork.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, is very proud and recognizes the courage demonstrated during this rescue effort by Coach Barnwell and these young men who, over the course of one hour, turned from athletes to heroes.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1st day of September 2009.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools