

By Senator Richter

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding achievements in educational leadership of Cynthia Phillips-Luster and Priscilla Ribeiro and congratulating them on their recognition by the Florida Department of Education.

WHEREAS, schools need highly effective principals and assistant principals in order to help spearhead the success of their students, and

WHEREAS, the Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership was established in 1988 to recognize exemplary principals for their contributions to their schools and communities, and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award was established in 1997 to recognize exemplary assistant principals for their contributions to their schools and communities, and

WHEREAS, these programs honor school leaders who organize and carry out initiatives to increase student performance, promote safe learning environments, and establish partnerships with parents and community members, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education has recognized Cynthia Phillips-Luster, the principal of James Stephens International Academy in Lee County, which serves more than 700 students in grades K-8, and

WHEREAS, Principal Phillips-Luster is a leader who honors diversity, can solve complex problems related to the educational process, has mastered the use of technology in retrieving data to make important decisions about learning for all students, and

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30 has led her teachers and students to ever-increasing levels of  
31 achievement, and

32 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education has also  
33 recognized Priscilla Ribeiro, the assistant principal of Cypress  
34 Bay High School in Broward County, which serves more than 3,700  
35 students in grades 9-12, and

36 WHEREAS, Assistant Principal Ribeiro is dedicated to  
37 children, committed to equity and access for all students so  
38 that they may achieve their highest goals, possesses superior  
39 interpersonal skills with all stakeholders in the community,  
40 shows compassion for students and adults, has the ability to  
41 motivate the faculty and students, incorporates innovative  
42 programs, and maintains a sense of accountability in all of her  
43 work, and

44 WHEREAS, the Principal and Assistant Principal recognition  
45 programs raise awareness of extraordinary individuals serving in  
46 our public schools, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That, the Senate recognizes and congratulates Cynthia  
51 Phillips-Luster and Priscilla Ribeiro on their recognition by  
52 the Florida Department of Education.