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SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN NOMINATES MAYOR JULIO ROBAINA FOR THE CERVANTES OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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School Board Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, nominated City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina to receive "The Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award" from Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services and The Hispanic Advisory Board at an event honoring Miami-Dade County Educators, on October 29, 2008 at the Hilton Miami Hotel.

Mayor Robaina has distinguished himself most especially in providing educational opportunities and excellence to the children of Hialeah, the fifth largest city in the State of Florida and a community of Hispanic majority. He established the Mayor's Education Advisory Board, jointly holding the annual Mayor's Principal Conference. Mayor Robaina initiated the Partnership to Advance School Success program (PASS), the after school program "Tutoring in the Park", Reading Corners at various Hialeah recreational facilities, the Creative Learning and Play Program in the City's libraries to provide tutoring to students, and entered into a "Compact" agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to continue improving education. Mayor Robaina recently broke ground for the City of Hialeah Education Academy, the first career academy in the City of Hialeah, offering ninth graders and up careers in the fields of firefighting, police and communications. He also created the City of Hialeah Scholarship Fund for students who are Hialeah residents to continue a post-secondary education.

"Mayor Julio Robaina's contributions to education have made him a natural recipient of the Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award, which recognizes excellence in the Hispanic community," said Ms. Hantman.

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