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AS PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNIZES HIALEAH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SYMPHONIC AND JAZZ BANDS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL HERITAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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As proposed by School Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the Miami-Dade School Board voted unanimously to recognize Hialeah Middle School's Symphonic and Jazz bands for being invited to participate in the Presidential Inaugural Heritage Music Festival in Washington, D.C. last month.

"The Hialeah Middle School Symphonic and Jazz Bands demonstrated dedication in preparation for their trip," said Ms. Hantman. "Students practiced for hours, often coming to school early or staying late. In addition to the rigorous rehearsal schedule, they raised thousands of dollars to make the journey to Washington, D.C."

The Presidential Inaugural Heritage Music Festival, sponsored by Heritage Festivals, brought together approximately 4,000 student musicians from across the nation. Bands performed before a group of nationally renowned judges, with performances at the Performing Arts Center and Harris Theater at George Mason University. The music festival culminated with a Student Inaugural Ball. Students shared their love of music while learning about civics and social studies against the backdrop of this historic occasion.

The Hialeah Middle School students also had the opportunity to witness and celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president. Their trip also included visits to historical monuments and museums.