

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

THANK YOU DIRECTOR PATTERSON;

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN JEAN MONESTIME, COMMISSIONERS AUDREY EDMONSON, DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA AND BARBARA JORDAN. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE WITH US THIS MORNING.

IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL OF OUR FELLOW ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE HERE TODAY.

CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA WILSON...

YOUR HARD WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS EXEMPLIFIED THE TRUE MEANING OF PUBLIC SERVICE...

SO ON BEHALF OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY- THANK YOU!

DEAR FRIENDS...

AS MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, I'M HONORED TO JOIN YOU TODAY FOR THE ANNUAL M.L.K. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST.

ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT DATE, IT'S FITTING THAT WE GATHER TOGETHER TO RECOGNIZE THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE CHANGING THE COURSE OF THEIR OWN LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

FOR OVER 20 YEARS NOW, 5000 ROLE MODELS HAS BEEN PROVIDING MENTORSHIPS AND AWARDING WORTHY YOUNG MEN WITH ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS,

AND THAT WONDERFUL LEGACY CONTINUES TODAY:

HELP ME GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THE 84 WILSON SCHOLARS WHO ARE BEING PRESENTED WITH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THIS MORNING...

YOU'VE EARNED THESE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR DILIGENCE AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO DOING WHAT IS RIGHT.

AS DR. KING ONCE SAID:

“THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.”

I THINK THAT DR. KING WOULD BE PROUD TO KNOW THAT HIS SPIRIT IS LIVING ON IN ALL OF YOU.

EACH OF YOU HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND EACH OF YOU HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO LIVING YOUR LIVES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

AS WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A MAN WHO CHANGED THE COURSE OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY, I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM A REALITY.

OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR.

SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

