

**Executive Director Note:** NABE, in partnership with some of its most valued partners, LULAC, major teacher represented groups, members of the Hispanic Education Coalition and parents, are in support of two important pieces of legislations being proposed for consideration in the Florida House of Representatives for FY 2020. The bills address Native Language Assessments and the other bill is for the establishment of a state advisory council on English Language Learners for the state of Florida. The attached article is contributed by one of NABE's lifetime partners, Miguel Pérez Vargas, a civil rights champion for access, accommodation, equity and educational opportunities for language minorities. The article was featured in the October 13 issue of the Orlando SunSentinel. NABE is asking for support of these bills from all of its partners and members. A brief statement to your local school board member and state legislator in Florida, (Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez) stating support for native language assessment and the establishment of a state advisory council for English language learners in the state of Florida would be very helpful. Attached are copies of the respective bills. One of NABE's Lifetime members, Dr. Rosa Castro Feinberg, President of South Florida LULAC and this year's awardee of the Mexican Ohtli and the NABE Education Champion of the Year Awards, is leading these efforts in the state of Florida.