

By: McCall

H.R. No. 1457

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, After nearly four decades of outstanding service to  
2 the teaching profession, Mary J. DePeri is retiring from the Plano  
3 Independent School District in May 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. DePeri earned her undergraduate degree from  
5 Hardin-Simmons University and her master's degree in education from  
6 North Texas State University before beginning her career as a  
7 social studies teacher for Somerset ISD in Bexar County in 1968; and

8           WHEREAS, She went on to join the faculty of Bowman Middle  
9 School in Plano, where, in addition to fulfilling her duties as a  
10 classroom teacher, Ms. DePeri served as team leader of  
11 seventh-grade English, history, and math, as coordinator of parent  
12 coaches for the Odyssey of the Mind state and world competitions,  
13 and as sponsor of the student council and the school's chapter of  
14 Texas Junior Historians; and

15           WHEREAS, Wholly committed to her field, Ms. DePeri has  
16 further distinguished herself through her involvement in the Plano  
17 Education Association, the Texas State Teachers Association, and  
18 the National Education Association, all of which she served as  
19 president; a member of the Plano, Texas, and National Councils for  
20 the Social Studies, she has also shared her time and talents with  
21 several Plano ISD committees, including the student awards  
22 committee, which she founded; and

23           WHEREAS, This esteemed educator was named the Bowman Middle  
24 School Teacher of the Year and was the recipient of a Super Civic

1 Club Citizenship Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Known for her ability to introduce her students to  
3 the wonders of history, Mary DePeri leaves Bowman Middle School  
4 with a legacy of enthusiasm and achievement as well as numerous  
5 friends and colleagues who wish her well in this new chapter of her  
6 life; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary J. DePeri on the occasion of  
9 her retirement from the Plano Independent School District and  
10 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and  
11 happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Ms. DePeri as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.