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MOTION:

WHEREAS: Mary Grassi is retiring as Title I Coordinator following 49 years of service to the City of Cambridge and Cambridge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS: Mary is a lifelong Cantabrigian and who has committed herself to public education and giving back to her community; and

WHEREAS: Mary began her career with the Cambridge Public Schools being hired as substitute teacher in September, 1974 after graduating Lesley College, and held roles as a classroom teacher, Title 1 teacher, and Title 1 coordinator; and

WHEREAS: Mary has established Family Literacy Fun Day, Title 1 Summer Support Camps, served as the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison, established The Spot for gently used clothing, and Reading Recovery Site Coordinator to ensure that children with diverse needs in Cambridge Public Schools have access to what they need to be successful scholars; and

WHEREAS: Mary has received numerous accolades including the Andrew J. Mountain Award from Massachusetts Title I administrators, the NAFEP Award for federal education administrators, the SAGE Award, and 2019 Excellence in Literacy Award from the Reading Recovery Council of North America; and

WHEREAS: Mary will be able to enjoy her retirement with family and dear friends spending time in both Cambridge and Maine and continue her affiliations within her neighborhood of East Cambridge and her parish of St. Francis of Assisi; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record expressing its gratitude to Mary Grassi for her tireless work and ensuring that each student in Cambridge can thrive in Cambridge Public Schools and beyond as lifelong learners.