



City of Cambridge

31.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1994

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council was saddened to learn of the resignation of DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS, Director of Educational Media Services for the Cambridge School Department, who will be taking a position with Bridgewater State College as Coordinator of the Graduate Library Media Program; and

WHEREAS: DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS served in this position with distinction for nine years; and

WHEREAS: DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS was an effective leader who combined strength with compassion, and was considered efficient, competent, organized, and a woman of high professional standards by her colleagues; and

WHEREAS: DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS had a unique and timely vision of the role of school libraries, and educated parents, teachers, administrators about this vision, and further forged links with communities and resources external to the School Department, such as Harvard University, Simmons College, and other institutions of higher learning, as well as the Cambridge business community; and

WHEREAS: DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS fostered the idea that the library is central to the learning process, and that access to and effective use of information is a basic life skill that can be taught by trained professionals in school libraries; and

WHEREAS: DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS worked tirelessly to strengthen her department by securing donations and grants, including the DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest Grant, the largest grant from a private foundation that the Cambridge Public Schools have ever received; and

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does hereby wish DR. MARY FRANCES ZILONIS the greatest success in her future career endeavors, and urges her to visit her longtime Cambridge home every now and then, to lend a bit of sage advice or simply to chat, as she will be sorely missed, both as a professional and as a friend.

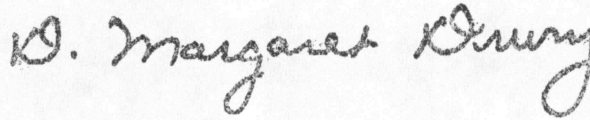
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed word "ATTEST:-".

D. Margaret Drury,
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Toomy, Tuantafello,
Walsh

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Consent Order #31

Mayor Reeves re: Resignation of Dr. Mary Frances
Zilonis Director of Education Media Services
for the Cambridge Schools.

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Order adopted.