

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2017

RESOLUTION HONORING RALPH W. PERRY FOR FIFTY YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Perry is married to his wife, Carolyn Leadbetter Perry, they have three children Christopher, Timothy and Kelly DiCarli and seven grandchildren, Logan, Owen, Harper, Reese, Wyatt, Ella and Brody; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Fairhaven High School and member of the school's Alumni Association, Ralph Perry received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, with a Minor in Biology from Southern Arkansas University and his Master of Science Degree in Instructional Technology from Rhode Island College; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Perry has been a Teacher in the New Bedford Public School system since 1967, beginning his career at Keith Junior High School as a Science Teacher where he remained until 2000; and

WHEREAS, During these years Ralph Perry was also a Men's Tennis Coach, a Cross Country Coach and an Assistant Winter Track Coach for New Bedford Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Perry became the Head Tennis Coach at UMASS Dartmouth and Head Varsity Softball Coach at Old Rochester Regional High School, he is a committee member of New Bedford High School's Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Ralph W. Perry has been a Science Teacher at Summer Sea Lab and in 2000, a Science Teacher for the full Academic Year at Sea Lab; and

WHEREAS, Sea Lab is a Marine Science Studies Program funded through New Bedford Public Schools for the instruction of real science activities, it is a marine and aquatic educational facility, teaching oceanography, limnology, meteorology, physics, chemistry, geology and biology, with practical outdoor skills, such as swimming and sailing, students can also participate in field studies conducted along the Massachusetts and Rhode Island coastlines, allowing them involvement in scientific research; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Perry's son Christopher, is a Teacher at Sea Lab and grandchildren Logan and Owen attend the Sea Lab program; and

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Perry has been a teacher, mentor and friend to the many people and students who have worked at or attended Keith Junior High School and the Sea Lab Marine Science Program, and has devoted his life to educating the children of New Bedford:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **RALPH W. PERRY, FOR FIFTY YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, thanks him for his many years of hard work, his dedication to his profession and to his students and wishes him many more years of continued success.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council expresses their deepest appreciation for all that he has done as this Resolution is presented to him on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.