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TEXAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2015 MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO MUSIC EDUCATION

San Antonio, Texas – The Texas Bandmasters Association has named Melodianne Mallow from North Richland Hills, Texas as a recipient of the 2015 Meritorious Achievement Award. TBA President Bruce Beach will present this award to Ms. Mallow during the annual TBA Convention/Clinic in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Mallow retired in 2012 after serving as band director in the Richland High School cluster (Birdville ISD) for 23 years. Her 32 years of teaching in public schools also includes stops in Eagle Mt.-Saginaw ISD and Mesquite ISD. *A complete biography of Melodianne Mallow follows.*

The Texas Bandmasters Association promotes the value of music education in our society and the important role instrumental music plays in our cultural, intellectual and social lives. Each year, TBA recognizes those who have made a difference in the lives of band students in Texas. It is a tradition dating back to 2000 for TBA to honor those who exemplify the qualities of an exemplary band director with the Meritorious Achievement Award.

This year marks the 68th annual Convention/Clinic hosted by TBA. Over six thousand band directors, music teachers, and university music students from across the state will attend the convention July 23-26 in San Antonio. Housed at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, TBA presents over 60 educational clinics and professional concerts to its membership of persons working in or retired from the music education profession. TBA also designed special full-day programs for first-year and new-to-Texas directors, middle and high school band students, and Booster Club members. An Exhibit Hall of approximately 650 vendors presenting the latest products from leaders in the music industry will be available to convention attendees. The TBA website www.texasbandmasters.org offers information on the Convention/Clinic and an extended catalog of educational material for band directors, music teachers and students.

Melodianne Mallow

Melodianne Mallow, a native of Brady, Texas, was a band director in the DFW area for 29 years. The last 23 were spent in the Birdville ISD, in the Richland HS cluster, where she was band director at Richland Middle School, North Richland Middle School and assistant director at Richland High School. Ms. Mallow spent her first six years in the Eagle Mt.-Saginaw ISD and Mesquite ISD. She received a BME from Howard Payne University in 1982 and Master of Music degree from Texas A & M Commerce (formerly ETSU) in 1991. Ms. Mallow was privileged to have her father as a band director in Jr. High and High School.

Ms. Mallow's bands earned consistent UIL Sweepstakes awards as well as Best in Class festival awards at the Meyerson Symphony Center, Bass Hall, The Majestic Theater, Beach Within Reach Band Festival, Peak Performance Festival, as well as National Winner in the Mark of Excellence

National Wind Band Honors. The North Richland Middle School Honors Band was named TMEA Class CC Honor Band in 1998, 4th runner up in 1996, region finalist in 2006 and a state finalist in 2008. Texas Bandmasters Association awarded North Richland Middle School the Exemplary Middle School Band Program for 2009-10, being only the 4th recipient of this prestigious award. Students in the North Richland MS band program achieved much success in district band, region band, ensemble contest and solo contest. They, along with their peers from North Ridge MS, were fortunate to continue band at Richland High School.

Besides her father, Ms. Mallow is indebted to the following mentors: Henry Schraub, Eddie Green, Scott McAdow, Joe Dixon, as well as friends and colleagues - Greg Hull, Bill Watson and Fred Allen. She retired at the end of the 2012 school year to begin "band-phase two," as a full-time consultant/clinician, as well as Beach Within Reach Band Festival coordinator. With a strong emphasis on setting up beginning students correctly and rehearsal technique, she is looking forward to year 33 as a music educator.

Melodianne served Region 5 as Middle School Band Division Chairman and served on the state UIL Sightreading Selection Committee for two years. She has presented clinics at TMEA, TBA, TBA sponsored professional developments, Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, various districts in-service, and Young Educator Seminars (Y.E.S) at SMU. Ms. Mallow was named Teacher of the Year at North Richland Middle School in 1998. Professional affiliations include Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Music Educators Association, and Texas Bandmasters Association. She resides in North Richland Hills, TX, and is owned by three dachshunds.