

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING VALERIE COOPER and
PICTURE THAT, LLC, ON WINNING THE
NATIONAL MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
2008 SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR THE NORTHEAST REGION

WHEREAS, Valerie Cooper, a Stamford resident, founded her company, *Picture That, LLC*, in 2002 after working for Goldman Sachs for 15 years as Vice President of Technology and Senior Vice President of Workplace Diversity; and

WHEREAS, *Picture That, LLC* is an art consulting company that provides art purchase and lease programs, sets up online galleries and provides art advice and curating services to corporations including General Electric, Pitney Bowes, Goldman Sachs Group, Northeast Utilities, Travelers, Thompson Hospitality and Cartus Corp.; and

WHEREAS, the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), chartered in 1972, certifies and matches more than 15,000 minority-owned businesses with member corporations that want to purchase goods and services; and

WHEREAS, nominees are judged on business growth and performance, community service and the ability to overcome challenges; and

WHEREAS, *Picture That, LLC* and its President, Valerie Cooper, were one of sixteen minority suppliers who received the award for the Northeast Region; and

WHEREAS, the president of the NMSDC, Harriet Michel, stated that minority businesses are “part of the economic fabric of their communities ... [they] provide employment opportunities and act as anchors in their communities through philanthropic and volunteer leadership.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 27th Board of Representatives congratulates Valerie Cooper and *Picture That, LLC* on receiving this prestigious award.

Submitted by Annie M. Summerville (D-6)
Approved: December 1, 2008

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