

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND THANKING CHRISTOPHER SHAYS
FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays has dedicated more than 36 years of his life to public service, including two years in the Peace Corps, 13 years in the State House of Representatives, and 21 years in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays has been a pioneer in the area of ethics and Congressional reform, having been sponsor of the 1995 Congressional Accountability Act and a driving force for the landmark Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays served as chair of the Subcommittee on National Security, played a leading role in oversight of our nation's military and security operations and the fight against terrorism, conducted 97 oversight hearings, visited Iraq 21 times to review our military efforts there, was instrumental in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and was appointed and served on the Committee on Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays has been a strong proponent of environmental regulation and protection, having been designated as an "environmental hero" by the League of Conservation Voters and having been an advocate for preserving our national forests, lowering auto emissions, protecting animals and wildlife, and defending the Arctic from oil and gas exploration; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays introduced the Brownfield Economic Revitalization Act and launched the "One Coast, One Future" project to greatly benefit economic development in the Bridgeport-Stamford corridor, and brought tens of millions of dollars of federal funding to the City of Stamford for projects approved by this Board, including among others the Urban Transitway, the Mill River Park, and the Southwood Square and Fairfield Court housing revitalization projects; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Shays has always worked tirelessly and on a non-partisan basis for the benefit of the City of Stamford and its citizens and for all of his constituents, displaying courage, integrity, independence, compassion, wisdom, grace and conviction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 27th Board of Representatives hereby commends Christopher Shays and profoundly thanks him for his many years of dedicated and distinguished public service and for his steadfast devotion and commitment to improving our City, our region and our great nation.

Approved by the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford - December 1, 2008

David R. Martin, President
27th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
27th Board of Representatives