

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING KAREN AND GENE WILDER ON
BEING HONORED BY THE BARTLETT ARBORETUM**

WHEREAS, the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens is honoring Karen and Gene Wilder at the 2009 arbor*eating at the Bartlett gala as a result of their love, commitment and dedication to the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime resident of North Stamford and neighbor of the Bartlett, Gene Wilder has walked the property for many years. When he and his wife, Karen, first met, they often walked the trails together, sometimes visiting with friends and family. Their love for the Bartlett and their personal commitment to the organization have helped to preserve this extraordinary property and strengthen this wonderful community resource. Together, Karen and Gene have been an integral part of all that the Bartlett has accomplished; and

WHEREAS, Karen Wilder was elected to the Board of Directors in 2005 and chaired the Development Committee from its inception in 2006. She has continued to serve the organization and the community in this capacity since that time. Through her boundless energy and enthusiasm, the Bartlett's circle of friends and members in the community has increased dramatically, and it is this network of Bartlett friends that helps to sustain and nurture the organization today; and

WHEREAS, Karen's creative ideas and dedication are crucial to the success of the Bartlett's annual galas since 2006. Under her tireless leadership other ideas have developed into successful annual community events including the Bartlett's Spring Garden Tour and the Plein Air Art Auction; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of the gala will support the Bartlett's innovative environmental education programs for youth including the Bartlett's scholarship program for underserved children. The goal of these initiatives is to cultivate the next generation of concerned citizens and leaders who have an understanding of key environmental issues and are prepared to act as stewards of our planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that it congratulates Karen and Gene Wilder on being honored at the 2009 arbor*eating at the Bartlett gala .

*Submitted by: The 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford
Approved this 8th day of September, 2009*

David R. Martin, President
27th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
27th Board of Representatives