

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING ELLEN CAMHI  
ON RECEIVING THE  
GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. O'NEILL AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi will be honored on April 12, 2010 at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jefferson Jackson Bailey Dinner as the Governor William A. O'Neill Award Recipient; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi was selected for the Democratic State Central Committee's highest honor for her many years of outstanding and dedicated service to Stamford, Connecticut and the Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi moved to Stamford in 1963 and raised her two children here, winning election to the Board of Education in 1971 and serving for twelve years where she oversaw major desegregation and redistricting efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi served as Stamford's coordinator for local, state and national Democratic candidates, served as a Delegate to State Conventions and was a member of the Stamford Democratic Women's Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi was elected Chairwoman of the Stamford Democratic City Committee in 1983, growing the organization into a strong and unified citywide Democratic Party with Stamford consistently having among the highest percentages of Democratic voter turnout in the state every election; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi also served as the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Coordinator for the Committee to re-elect Governor O'Neill in 1987, was elected to the Democratic National Committee in 1988 and attended the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston where she first heard President Barack Obama, and later saw him nominated as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate four years later; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi has served for 28 years at the helm of Stamford's Democratic Party and has served six terms on the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Camhi is committed to continuing to work to build a strong Democratic Party at the local, state and national levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 28th Board of Representatives extends its congratulations to Ellen Camhi on receiving the Governor William A. O'Neill Award.

*Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk