

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING VALERIE A. COOPER ON BEING AWARDED THE NATIONAL
OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FEMALE EXECUTIVES AND THE GOOD SCOUT AWARD BY THE YANKEE
COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper was recently named “2010 Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year,” by the National Association for Female Executives and will be honored on December 2, 2010 by the NAFE as a “Woman of Excellence;” and

WHEREAS, the NAFE defines a “Woman of Excellence” as “one who has achieved success in her own right, then shown courage and compassion in helping others;” and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper will be further honored on December 8, 2010 by, the Boy Scouts of America as a “Good Scout;” and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Good Scout Award are selected “for their outstanding community service as evidenced by the leadership given to many worthwhile organizations, as well as for the earned respect and esteem of their colleagues;” and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper is the President and Art Advisor of Picture That LLC, a Stamford-based fine art consulting firm which provides an extensive range of fine art services to enhance the aesthetic quality of environments in public and residential spaces and which specifically promotes art by women and minority artists; and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper serves on the boards of the Norwalk Community College Foundation; the Cultural Art Alliance of Fairfield County; and the Stamford Old Town Hall Museum, and volunteers as Director of Curatorial Services for the Stamford Center for the Arts, and Palace Sackler Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper has shown a tremendous commitment to the members of the Stamford community, the City of Stamford and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Cooper’s background includes fifteen years on Wall Street with Goldman, Sachs & Co., a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University Business School, an Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts Certificate from New York University, and a Bachelor of Science from Morgan State University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 28th Board of Representatives that it congratulates Valerie A. Cooper on being awarded the 2010 National Outstanding Entrepreneur Award by the National Association of Female Executives and the 2010 Good Scout Award by the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

*Submitted by the 28th Board of Representatives
Approved this 6th day of December, 2010*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk