

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING JEANNE FRANKLIN
ON HER RETIREMENT AS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STAMFORD SENIOR CENTER**

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin is retiring as Executive Director of the Stamford Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin is one of the founders of the Stamford Senior Center and has been its Executive Director for the past 13 years; and

WHEREAS, under Jeanne Franklin's stewardship, the Stamford Senior Center has grown from 50 to 1,100 members and has provided a full range of diverse and valuable services and programs that enrich the lives of Stamford's seniors; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin developed an "Ambassador Program" to forge links with Stamford's many diverse cultures, and built multi-cultural program that reflect Stamford's cultural richness; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin originated the annual Stamford Salute to Veterans, honoring not only veterans, but also that one veteran, chosen by his peers, who has most contributed to the community and to other veterans; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin foresaw the need for seniors to become connected to technology, and instituted computer training classes which have enabled them to relate to, and enrich their communication with, their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin partnered with various entities to provide additional services to Stamford's seniors, including with Catholic Charities to provide access to low-cost, nutritious meals, with Stamford Hospital to present monthly "Lunch and learn" events covering a range of health topics, and with AARP to host Safe Driving Courses; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin developed programs for seniors that "feed the mind" through discussion of current events, lectures on fields of interest, and travelogues; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Franklin instituted numerous programs to make the Senior Center a place seniors wanted to use and socialize in, including a putting green and a billiards room; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Board of Representatives extends their sincere thanks and appreciation to Jeanne Franklin for making Stamford's Senior Center a model for other communities and congratulates her on her retirement.

*Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives
This 4th day of January, 2010*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk