

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ON BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish was established on August 21, 1964 by Bishop Walter W. Curtis; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 9, 2010, Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School was named a Blue Ribbon School by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan; and

**WHEREAS**, for a private school to be nominated for the award, its students test scores must be within the top 10 percent of schools; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 6,000 of America's schools, or 4.3 percent of schools nationwide, have received the honor since the program began in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary school was one of 50 private schools nationwide to earn the Blue Ribbon designation; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School was one of a record six of the Bridgeport Diocese's 39 elementary schools to receive designation; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady Star of the Sea School's mission is to teach a culturally diverse student body, nurture student's individuality, encourage life-long growth, and chart a course for excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Lady Star of the Sea School takes advantage of its location next to the seawall to offer science classes that incorporate studying Long Island Sound.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 28th Board of Representatives congratulates Our Lady Star of the Sea Elementary School on being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

*Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
This 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010*

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