

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION**  
**Creating a Vanity Sign for Prospect Street**  
**to be called Michael Dante Way**

**Whereas,** Michael Dante (nee, Ralph Vitti) was born Sept. 2, 1931 in Stamford and attended Stevens, Cloonan and graduating in 1949 from Stamford High; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante had a successful sports career, lettering in basketball and baseball for 3 years at Stamford High School, playing quarterback for the Semi-Pro Stamford Aces team, playing shortstop on the Stamford Advocate's baseball team which led to being signed with the Boston Braves and ultimately to the big league's spring training with The Washington Senators; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante studied drama in the off season at the University of Miami and while performing in a play was discovered by Band Leader Tommy Dorsey, who became instrumental in advancing Michael Dante's acting career, resulting in signed contracts with MGM, Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante is the only resident of Stamford to have a successful career in motion pictures and television and has appeared in 30 Films and 150 TV Shows, including the title role in the classic western film *Winterhawk*; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante has hosted many celebrity tennis and golf tournaments to benefit Stamford's Italian Center, St. Jude's Hospital and other charitable organizations throughout the United States; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante has been honored with many awards and accolades: a Wall of Fame Honoree at Stamford High School, the Golden Boot Award (the Oscar of Westerns), the Silver Spur Award and the Southern California Motion Picture Council Award for 'Best of the Best' in the Performing Arts, his western boot prints are embedded at the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction, Arizona for his many contributions to the western genre, and his name is enshrined at the Palm Springs Walk of Stars; and

**Whereas,** Michael Dante, hosted his own celebrity radio talk show for 12 years, *The Michael Dante Classic Celebrity Talk Show*, interviewing over 300 stars in entertainment and sports,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 28th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT** a Vanity Sign - Michael Dante Way - be installed beneath the Prospect St. Sign.

*Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives - this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk