

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING BOBBY VALENTINE ON BEING
SELECTED STAMFORD'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2010**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans Post 142 has selected Bobby Valentine as Stamford's Citizen of the Year for 2010 for his "lifelong commitment to the City of Stamford and its residents;" and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine was born and raised in Stamford and attended Rippowam High School before attending the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the City of Stamford and its residents, including cleaning up the Columbus Park area; serving as chair of the City's Fire Service Task Force; and currently serving as the City of Stamford Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine has been honored for his humanitarian and charitable activities, including receiving the Branch Ricky Award from the MLB, the key to the City from NYC Mayor Giuliani, the Joan Payson Award, the William Shea Little League Award, and the Bart Giamatti Award, and was recognized by the Cooley's Anemia Foundation, the National Diabetes Foundation, Tuesday's Children, and the QSAC Autism Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine has generously dedicated much time and effort to local charitable organizations, including the DSSD, Morton's FBO Hanna Storm Foundation, Sterling House Community Center, Swim Across the Sound, the Strike3Foundation FBO Pediatric Cancer Research, and since 2003, Valentine has held an annual "Bobby Valentine Celebrity Wine & Food Experience", a charity fundraising event for the Mickey Lione Jr. Fund, which provides scholarships to local high school student athletes and supports youth sports in Stamford; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine serves on the Boards of the Mickey Lione, Jr. Fund for Scholastic Excellence, The Western CT Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis, the Tully Health Center, and the Richard D. Frisbee Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Valentine was the 2010 keynote speaker at the Westhill High School Graduation Ceremonies, and a presenter at a Springdale Little League Game, has been the Grand Marshall at the Stamford Thanksgiving Parade and is an international dance champion, having performed at the opening ceremonies at the 1964 World's Fair in New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Bobby Valentine for being selected Stamford Citizen of the Year 2010.

*Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives
This 1st day of March, 2010*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk