

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING RODNEY BASS ON BEING AWARDED  
THE 2012 STAMFORD ICON AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2012, Rodney Bass was awarded the 2012 Stamford ICON award, which is presented each year to a local hero in recognition of his or her contributions to the greater Stamford community; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass is a Stamford native, having attended Stamford public schools, and graduating from Rippowam High School in 1971;

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass attended the University of Connecticut, where he enjoyed both a rigorous academic schedule and an outstanding athletic career, earning a B.A. degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Special Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass spent his career in the Stamford Public School System, starting as a special education teacher for severely emotionally disturbed students; then being appointed Assistant Principal at Cloonan Middle School in 1985, then being appointed Assistant Principal of Stamford High School in 1992 and then being appointed Principal of Turn of River Middle School in 1993; where he served for 14 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass continued on to serve as Interim Principal at Cloonan Middle and Stamford High Schools before retiring at the end of the 2009 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass co-created the Rites of Passage Program in Stamford, a District-supported middle school program, designed to assist Stamford students in accurately learning about and integrating the significance of their African and American heritages and through which, to date, over 125 students, parents and teachers have traveled to West Africa on six different educational excursions since the program's inception in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Bass, was one of the first recipients of the CBS Television Network's "Fulfilling the Dream Award." In 1997, he was honored with the Who's Who in Leadership Award. He continues to be a hero and role model to literally thousands of children whose lives he has touched; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his contributions to the Stamford community, Rodney Bass was awarded the 2012 Stamford ICON award during the 2012 MLK All About Education Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 28th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Rodney Bass on being awarded the 2012 Stamford ICON award.

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

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk