

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING JUANITA JAMES AND DUDLEY N. WILLIAMS, JR.
ON RECEIVING THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD**

WHEREAS, Juanita James and Dudley N. Williams, Jr. have been Stamford residents since 1989 and raised their son here; and

WHEREAS, both Juanita James and Dudley Williams have generously dedicated much time and effort professionally and personally to help improve Stamford Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dudley Williams is Director of District Education Strategy at GE Asset Management Group, where he oversees Stamford's participation in the GE Foundation's Developing Futures in Education program, which is aimed at improving student achievement in urban school districts and before joining GE was Assistant to the Commissioner at the Connecticut State Department of Education where his primary responsibilities involved developing and coordinating Department of Education initiatives to support the state's urban school districts and improve minority student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dudley Williams was on the City's Board of Education for three terms from 1995 through 2004, and served as its president twice; has served as a Director of the Connecticut Association of Board of Education; was appointed by former Governor Rell to the Connecticut State Commission on Educational Improvement and was appointed by Governor Malloy to the Task Force on State Funding of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dudley Williams is Chairman of The Nellie Mae Education Foundation; and is a director of Stamford Achieves, the Urban Education Exchange, the Childcare Learning Center, and the Connecticut Council on Education Reform; and

WHEREAS, Juanita James recently retired as a marketing and communications officer for Pitney Bowes, Inc. where she was responsible for managing the company's public relations, charitable giving and corporate citizenship efforts and is currently the president and chief executive officer of Fairfield County Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Juanita James is a Director of Reading is Fundamental and has served in leadership roles with numerous Stamford organizations addressing education and literacy, including as board president of the Stamford Museum and Nature Center; member of the Leadership Council and Board President of the Childcare Learning Center; Secretary of the Board and Chair of the Pension Committee for the Ferguson Library; and Co-President of the Toquam PTO; and

WHEREAS, Juanita James and Dudley Williams will be recognized for their support of education on March 12, 2012 by the Stamford Public Education Foundation, by being named the recipients of its 2012 Excellence in Education award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Board of Representatives congratulates Juanita James and Dudley N. Williams, Jr. on being awarded the 2012 Excellence in Education award.

*Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives
This 6th day of February, 2012*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk