

**SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING ELAINE MITCHELL
ON RECEIVING THE
DR. BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD**

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2012, the NAACP held its 2012 Freedom Fund and Awards Dinner;
and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell was awarded the prestigious Benjamin L. Hooks Civil Rights Award;
and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell was born in Stamford, attended Stamford public schools and began her activities with Stamford politics almost 50 years ago, while working with longtime Stamford politician Ralph Lockhart; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell joined the Board of Representatives in 1986 as the District 2 representative; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell rose to a position of leadership with the Board of Representatives: she serves as the Chairwoman of the Housing and Community Development Committee, chairs the Black Latino Caucus and was elected Democratic Majority Leader in June of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell is dedicated to community service in Stamford: she has served or currently serves on the Board of Directors of CTE, the Stamford Partnership, the Stamford NAACP, the Waterside Coalition, the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging and the Chester Addison Community Center and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees at Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church;
and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mitchell is well known for her advocacy in the area of affordable housing; she was instrumental in passing Stamford's One for One Housing Replacement ordinance, a law which requires redevelopment projects that eliminate affordable housing units to build an equal number of new affordable housing units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the 28th Board of Representatives that it congratulates Majority Leader Elaine Mitchell on being awarded this prestigious honor.

*Submitted by: The 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford
This 13th day of November, 2012*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk