

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE REV. DR. ROBERT W. PERRY
ON HIS 50 YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL AND ON HIS
39TH ANNIVERSARY AS SENIOR PASTOR OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry began preaching the Gospel in 1962, having been trained at Virginia Union University where he received a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry was installed at Union Baptist Church in 1973, where he has served as Pastor for the last 39 years, Union Baptist Church's longest-serving pastor; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry enjoyed a diverse background prior to joining Union Baptist Church. He was the first African American tariff agent for United Airlines, a social worker for the City of New York, an instructor at Norfolk State University Evening College, and a visiting teacher for Head Start in Portsmouth, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry has served as Past President of the Hampton Ministers' Conference and Musicians' Guild, Past President of the Stamford Council of Churches and Synagogues and Past President of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention. He serves as the Convener of the Interdenominational Ministers and Pastors Alliance Coalition (IMPAC); and

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry has served the community of Stamford with distinction. He was the first African American to serve on Stamford's Board of Ethics, has served two terms as Fire Commissioner, and has previously served on the Police Commission as well as Chaplain to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry, Union Baptist Church is a vital part of the City of Stamford, contributing to the well-being of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry has resided in and raised three children in Stamford with his wife, Odessa. They have 3 children, 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 2 great-granddaughters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the 28th Board of Representatives that it congratulates The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry on his 50 years of preaching the Gospel; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED BY the 28th Board of Representatives that it congratulates The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry on his 39 years as Pastor to his congregation at Union Baptist Church, Stamford.

*Submitted by: The 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford
This 3rd day of April, 2012*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk