

**SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION  
CREATING A VANITY SIGN FOR AVERY STREET  
TO BE CALLED CHICO VEJAR WAY**

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar was born Sept. 5, 1931 on Avery Street in the Cove area of Stamford; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar attended K.T. Murphy and Rogers Schools and graduated from Stamford High School in 1953 (after taking three years off at the beginning of his professional boxing career), where he was inducted into the Stamford High School Wall of Fame; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar helped put Stamford on the map when New York City sports columnists and writers tabbed him as “Stamford’s Socking Schoolboy” while training in Manhattan as a professional boxer while also studying drama at New York University; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar, whose aggressive style endeared him to boxing fans, became one of the most popular boxers ever to fight at Madison Square Garden, where he won a number of main events along with his first 31 professional bouts; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar, after starting his career as a welterweight, became a Middleweight contender and fought 4 champions in that division, ending with a record of 93 wins, 20 losses and 4 draws and unbeaten in his last 6 fights; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar, at one time was ranked fourth in the world in the middleweight division; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar retired at the age of 29 to spend time with his young son, Jimmy, who had terminal cerebral palsy, later dedicating himself to working with Cerebral Palsy organizations in Westchester and Fairfield counties, raising thousands of dollars by organizing boxing cards that drew some of the world's most famous fighters; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar was committed throughout his life to the Jimmy Vejar Day Camp in Westchester County for children with cerebral palsy; and

**Whereas,** Chico Vejar lived an exemplary life after leaving the ring, lending his time and effort to various causes in Stamford and being active as a parishioner at St. John’s Roman Catholic Church.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 28<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT** a Vanity Sign, Chico Vejar Way, be installed beneath the Avery Street Signs in the Cove, in honor of a native son who distinguished himself in and out of the boxing ring as a true sportsman who brought credit to his hometown.

*Submitted by: The 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk