

**SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION  
CREATING A VANITY SIGN FOR BANK STREET  
TO BE CALLED GALDINO VELASCO WAY**

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco is described as the unofficial patriarch of the Stamford Latino Community; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco has lived in Stamford since 1956 and worked at the Norman Hoffman Bearing Corporation from 1959 to 1979, before opening Tacos Guadalajara, Stamford's first Mexican Restaurant, in 1980; and

**Whereas**, Tacos Guadalajara has served as the base for The Latino Foundation of Stamford and is also where many Latino businesses and organizations were founded; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco created The Latino Foundation in 1999 to recognize the achievements of Hispanics in sports, social work, education, the arts, community service and public safety and to award scholarships to Latino students in the journalism or arts fields; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco has spent a lifetime volunteering for the Stamford community, including serving as President of the Puerto Rican Community Association and founding the Los Charros Social Center in 1960; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco worked to establish a cultural relationship between Stamford and Nezahuacoyotl, Mexico, traveling with the Stamford 12-year old Youth Soccer League to play against local 12-year olds, facilitating the donation of three fire trucks from Stamford, and arranging for a folkloric dance troupe to perform at local schools, the Mall, the Rich Forum and Government Center; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco broadcasted, produced and directed the first Spanish radio program on WSTC 1400 AM that lasted for 20 years; and

**Whereas**, Galdino Velasco has been the recipient of fifty awards for his work with The Latino Foundation along with receiving proclamations from the Mayor of Stamford and the Governor of Connecticut; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 28<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT** a Vanity Sign, Galdino Velasco Way, be installed beneath the Bank Street Signs, in honor of a resident who has distinguished himself over many years.

*Submitted by: The 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk