

31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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RESOLUTION NO. 4218 NAMING THE HART SCHOOL PLAYGROUND “REPRESENTATIVE PHILIP J. GIORDANO PLAYGROUND” IN CONFORMANCE WITH SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-1 of the Code of Ordinances, a request to name the Hart School Playground, in honor of former District 10 Representative Phillip J. Giordano was submitted to the Board of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-3.B of the Code of Ordinances provides that a park or facility may be named to memorialize any person, inter alia, who has been deceased for more than six months prior to the request and contributed substantially to the establishment of such park or facilities or due to such person's contribution to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-3.B of the Code of Ordinances also provides that upon a showing of good cause, the Board of Representatives may waive any of the aforementioned requirements by a resolution of three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the entire Board; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023 the Board of Representatives waived the requirement that the Hart School Playground be named to memorialize a person who has been deceased for more than six months by a resolution of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the entire Board; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Giordano was born on August 22, 1927 in Stamford, CT, and has been a lifelong Stamford resident, attending Stamford schools, including graduating from Hart Elementary School in 1937 and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Giordano was a champion of preserving Nemoitin Park, spearheading its preservation as a downtown green space to be set aside for Stamford's children, especially in the mid-1990's when Hart School was undergoing expansion, and ran for office on the Board of Representatives in 1995 in order to protect the playground during the expansion of Hart Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Giordano joined the Board of Representatives in 1995, representing the 10th District with distinction for 26 years, from 1995 to 2021, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms beginning in 2002, and serving as Vice Chair of the Housing-Community Development-Social Services Committee and as a member of the Parks & Recreation, Public Safety & Health, and Transportation Committees; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Giordano has been a dedicated and active member of the larger Stamford community, serving with numerous organizations, including as a Board member of CTE and a member of the Oscar H. Cowan American Legion Post 3, Stamford, St. John's Basilica, the Holy

Name Society, the J.M. Wright Technical School Citizens Advisory Committee, the West Side Business Council's Anti-Crime Vigil , and the United Way of Stamford Residential Division Team; graduated from the Stamford Citizens' Police Academy; and served as a coach with the American Legion Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Board of Representatives, Philip J. Giordano has continued to be an active member of our community and a trusted resource for members of the current Board; and

WHEREAS, the 31st Board of Representatives believes it is appropriate to recognize former Representative Giordano's service by naming the Hart School Playground in his honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31st BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT the Hart School playground is hereby named the Representative Phillip J. Giordano Playground.

This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

This resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote at the Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives held on June 5, 2023.



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31st Board of Representatives



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