RESOLUTION NO._____ SENSE OF THE BOARD URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PERMIT MUNICIPALITIES TO INSTALL AND OPERATE SPEED CAMERAS NEAR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, a national study found that two-thirds of drivers exceed the posted speed limit in school zones during the 30-minute period before and after school; and

WHEREAS, speeding cars near schools present an unreasonable risk to children walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut law currently does not permit the use of automated traffic enforcement such as speed cameras in school zones; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 Stamford students walk to and from school each day; and

WHEREAS, automated school zone speed safety cameras would enhance the safety of students walking into and out of school buildings to and from school property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31ST BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT it urges the Connecticut General Assembly to enact a statewide law permitting the use of automated speed safety cameras within 100 yards of the entrance of any school building a reasonable distance of school property.