SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Halloween Yacht Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Halloween Yacht Club leases the property from the City of Stamford and is the only parkland that generates revenue for the City of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, the City took title to the Cummings property on Halloween Eve, 1926, thus the original name Halloween Park; and

WHEREAS, the founding commodore of the Club was Alfred N. Phillips Jr., who had been Mayor of Stamford and a Representative to the United States Congress; and one of the Club members, a local commercial artist, designed the first burgee to include a black witch riding her black broom on an orange field, Halloween colors, and so the name Halloween Yacht Club was established; and

WHEREAS, the Halloween Yacht Club is a true community yacht club that any Stamford resident may join, taking advantage of the Club's year-round social, educational, and recreational programs; there are 134 berths which accommodate sailing and power boats up to 35 feet, summer and winter; and

WHEREAS, the Halloween Yacht Club has always championed for a healthy environment and pollution-free waterways, and many Club members volunteer at the Stamford Harbor Management Commission, Sound Waters, Young Mariners Foundation, Save the Sound, the Navy League, Power Squadron, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives extends its congratulations to the Halloween Yacht Club on its 90th Anniversary.

Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives This 11th day of July, 2016

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk