

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING ARCHIE ELAM
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO
THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME**

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Archie Elam was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was established to increase the awareness of the lifetime contributions of veterans after completion of honorable military service and each year since 2005, the Hall of Fame has selected for induction veterans who honorably served their county through military service and who continue to serve and inspire their communities and the state, and;

WHEREAS, Archie Elam was a member of the West Point Class of 1976, and, during his two decade army career, earned an M.B.A. from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, and served in Europe, Operation Desert Shield and as the head of operations for the 18th Airborne Corps 24th Infantry Division in Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Archie Elam then joined the private sector, working at General Electric, Accenture and other corporations, focusing on Six Sigma, to improve company performance by cutting out waste; and

WHEREAS, Archie Elam is a life member of the VFW and was recently elected as the Commander of the Fairfield County District representing 2,500 veterans. Mr. Elam coordinated the Fairfield County VFW fundraisers and managed a community project where 100 volunteers planted 4,500 flags on the graves of veterans. In addition, he was an elected member of the Stamford Board of Education; and was the Founding Vice President and Social Action Chair of The Opportunity Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his service, Archie Elam has received numerous US and Foreign military awards, the Fuqua School of Business Alumni Leadership Award, a commission as a Colonel from the Governor of Kentucky, and an Environmental Impact Leadership Award from the Connecticut Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford recognizes Archie Elam's accomplishments as well as his commitment to the Stamford community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives extends its sincere gratitude to Archie Elam for his exemplary service to the Stamford community and the Country and congratulates him on his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 3rd day of January, 2017*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk