SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING RON MARCUS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF STAMFORD

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus was Stamford's pre-eminent historian for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus studied, documented and advocated for the history of Stamford starting at the age of 5 years old; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus served as the historical advisor for the City of Stamford, the Town Clerk's Archive, the Stamford Historical Society, the University of Connecticut, the Jewish Historical Society, the Ferguson Library, the Historic Cemetery Preservation Society, and many other organizations and not-for-profits throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus was an invaluable resource for genealogists, Veterans, journalists, politicians, and ordinary citizens with curiosity about past events, buildings and landmarks; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus was recognized for his "intellectual acumen, unflagging determination, prodigious effort and genuine civic pride" by the distinguished professor of history at the University of Connecticut, Estelle Feinstein; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus authored many books on topics involving the history of Stamford, including "Stamford Revolutionary War Damage Claims", "Fort Stamford", and "The Witch Trial of Elizabeth Clawson in 1692"; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus compiled an extensive annotated bibliography of published books, documents, pamphlets, newspaper articles, etc. on Stamford's history which will be used by scholars for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus served as Head Librarian of the Stamford History Center from 1970 until his death, and as President of the Center in the 1970s, the youngest ever to hold that office; and

WHEREAS, the History Center honored Ron Marcus by naming its library the Ron Marcus Research Library.

WHEREAS, Ron Marcus was honored in 2012 by receiving the first-ever lifetime achievement award at the annual Estelle Feinstein Memorial Lecture at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, which was given by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, Stamford Historical Society and University of Connecticut, Stamford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 31st Board of Representatives honors the legacy of Ronald Marcus for his contributions to preserving the history of Stamford, and his service to the larger Stamford community.

Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives This 2nd day of June, 2025

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk