

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION THANKING  
THOMASENA SMIKLE AND GERARD SANGERMANO  
FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SAVING  
THE LIFE OF ISAIAH WALDEN-BUTLER**

**WHEREAS**, Thomasena Smikle has been employed by the City of Stamford since August 28, 1997, serving as the school nurse at Hart Elementary School since the 1998 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerard Sangermano has been employed by Stamford Public Schools since January 29, 2001, currently as the lead custodian for the second shift at Hart; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerard Sangermano was a former volunteer firefighter for the Springdale Fire Company where he was trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, December 1, 2008, Isaiah Walden Butler, a ten-year old student at Hart Elementary School, experienced a heart attack on the school playground; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerard Sangermano along with Thomasena Smikle, rushed to Isaiah and began CPR, and both continued performing CPR on Isaiah until police and paramedics arrived; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomasena Smikle accompanied Isaiah to Stamford Hospital and remained at his side until he was sent via helicopter to Yale-New Haven Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Isaiah's mother praised Thomasena Smikle for maintaining constant contact with her regarding Isaiah's condition both prior to and after this incident and stated that Ms. Smikle has always assisted in explaining Isaiah's condition to him; and

**WHEREAS**, the physicians at Yale-New Haven Hospital have stated that the immediate and capable actions of Mr. Sangermano and Ms. Smikle saved Isaiah's life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives extends, on behalf of the citizens of Stamford, its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Gerard Sangermano and Thomasena Smikle for their extraordinary and effective efforts in saving the young life of Isaiah Walden-Butler.

*Approved by the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford – January 5, 2009*

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David R. Martin, President  
27th Board of Representatives

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk  
27th Board of Representatives