

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME PASSES TO THE CITY
OF STAMFORD BEACHES TO THE FAMILY OF JESSE McCORD LEWIS**

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014, the Board of Representatives accepted a gift from the Where Angels Play Foundation toward a playground at West Beach in memory of Jesse McCord Lewis, a victim of the December 14, 2012, shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the playground is part of Sandy Ground: Where Angels Play, a program that is building 26 playgrounds across the state in memory of the students and six educators killed in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Stamford schools, businesses and organizations put up nearly \$60,000 toward Jesse's playground, including about \$22,000 raised in a Stamford Public Schools fundraiser that collected pennies from students; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 4, 2014, after construction by volunteers, a playground was opened at West Beach, built in honor of Jesse McCord Lewis; and

WHEREAS, during the opening ceremonies on Sunday, May 4, 2014, Mayor David R. Martin presented Scarlett Lewis and Neil Heslin, Jesse's parents, with lifetime beach stickers, noting that he hoped the "playground will provide a symbol of hope and recovery, a memory of Jesse and a gift to our children, to enhance and sustain their precious childhood;" and

WHEREAS, the beach passes will permit Scarlett Lewis, Neil Heslin and their family to visit the playground regularly in order to remember Jesse McCord Lewis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives hereby authorizes the presentation of lifetime beach passes to the City of Stamford beaches to the family of Jesse McCord Lewis.

Submitted by the 29th Board of Representatives
Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives this 5th day of May, 2014

Randall M. Skigen, President
29th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
29th Board of Representatives