

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION OF TWO AWARDS RECEIVED BY
THE STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTSMANSHIP**

WHEREAS; Stamford High School has been named a 2020-2021 CIAC Michaels Cup "Class Act" Sportsmanship recipient for the second consecutive year, being among a select group of high school athletic programs from across the state to be awarded this honor, with the awarding committee stating that "[t]he committee was impressed with the work you are doing to foster good sportsmanship within your athletic program especially during the pandemic;" and

WHEREAS; the Stamford High School athletes and coaches also earned the CIAC's 2021 Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Award, during the first year in which this award is presented, being one of only four schools in the entire state given this honor, which is awarded to a school that demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship and provides an enjoyable experience for students in athletics; and

WHEREAS, Stamford High School Athletic Director, Chris Passamano stated that "Being selected for these two awards recognizes our Stamford High School student athletes' greatness both on and off the field;" and

WHEREAS, Stamford High School has recently added a community service component to its athletic program, requiring every athletic team to participate in civic engagement and community outreach through the SHS UKnighted Nation initiative. For example, each year, Stamford High School sponsors a Pink Out celebration in support of Stamford Health's "Paint the Town Pink" campaign, and members of the Stamford High School Baseball team volunteered their time at Stamford's Bethel A.M.E. Church to help wrap gifts and prepare for the organization's Annual Toy Giveaway; and

WHEREAS, Stamford High School principal Matt Forker noted that "The SHS community recognizes that a student's passion for athletics can drive classroom achievement as well as hone the skills needed to succeed in a global workforce. These awards recognize our dedication to sportsmanship and our commitment to offering our students unique learning experiences that promote student growth and engagement."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 31st Board of Representatives that is congratulates the Stamford High School Athletics Program on receiving the 2020-2021 CIAC Michaels Cup "Class Act" Sportsmanship award and the CIAC's 2021 Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Award.

Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives
This 7th day of February, 2022

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk

