

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING BILL AND JEVERA HENNESSEY
ON BEING NAMED STAMFORD'S CITIZENS OF THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans Post 142 sponsors and runs the City of Stamford's Annual Citizen of the Year Program and has named Bill and Jevera Hennessey as Stamford's Citizens of the Year for 2023, for their "decades of service to Stamford in supporting so many agencies that are critical to our city's vibrancy and health, while simultaneously excelling in their professional careers"; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Jevera Hennessey moved to Stamford in the early 1980s and, since moving to Stamford, have contributed to the City of Stamford and its residents in innumerable ways; and.

WHEREAS, Jevera Hennessey, a partner with the law firm of Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLC, has dedicated many years of community service to Stamford and the surrounding communities, including as past Board Vice-Chair of SilverSource; a member of the Board of Directors and Planned Giving Advisory Committee of the Stamford Hospital Foundation; a member of the Professional Advisors Council for Fairfield County's Community Foundation; a member of Stamford CERT; a former Board member of the Stamford Public Education Foundation; a pro bono legal volunteer for 911 victims; a member of the Advisory Board of Hill House in Greenwich; and a Governor's Appointee to the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers & Funeral Directors from 1995 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hennessey has also received extensive professional distinctions, including serving as President of the Greenwich Bar Association from 1994-1995 and as a former member of the Board of Directors for the Fairfield County Bar Association; and has received numerous awards in recognition of her service, such as the Greenwich YWCA Brava! Award, the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America's Good Scout Award and the Greenwich Probate Court's Pro Bono Award.

WHEREAS, Bill Hennessey, a partner at the law firm of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP, has served in leadership and volunteer roles in many organizations in the Stamford community, including serving as a board member of Stamford's Committee on Training and Employment from 1999 to 2007, including as Chair of the Board; as a former board member and current Leadership Council member for the Childhood Learning Centers; as a founding and current board member of the Waterside School; and as an original and current board member of the Mill River Collaborative, as well as serving on the boards of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, and the Stamford Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hennessey has also contributed to the City professionally, having served as legal counsel for many significant projects in Stamford, including the Tully Center, and the expansion of Stamford Hospital; and working as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Stamford from 1981 through 1986.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 31st Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Bill and Jevera Hennessey for being selected Stamford Citizens of the Year 2023.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives sincerely thanks Bill and Jevera Hennessey for their many years of dedication, service and contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives
This 1st day of May, 2023*

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk