

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING JAY SANDAK AND MARY SOMMER
ON BEING NAMED STAMFORD'S CITIZENS OF THE YEAR 2015**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans Post 142 sponsors and runs the City of Stamford's Annual Citizen of the Year Program and has Jay Sandak and Mary Sommer as Stamford's Citizens of the Year for 2015, as "persons who ... have demonstrated a belief in interfaith harmony, possess the highest standards of responsibility in civic life, have helped in the promotion of projects for the public welfare and who have personally worked with distinction to benefit Stamford on a community-wide basis;" and

WHEREAS, Judge Sommer and Mr. Sandak moved to Stamford in 1985 and, since moving to Stamford, have contributed to the City of Stamford and its residents in innumerable ways; and.

WHEREAS, Judge Sommer served as Corporation Counsel for the City from 1986 until 1990, and Mr. Sandak served as Corporation Counsel from 1982 through 1983; Mr. Sandak also served as Co-Chair of the 17th Charter Revision Commission in 2011 and 2012, which resulted in substantial changes to the Charter of the City of Stamford.

WHEREAS, Judge Sommer was appointed to the bench as a judge of the Fairfield District Superior Court in 2008 and is a founding member of the Fairfield County Bar Foundation, a member of the boards of the Connecticut Appleseed Foundation for Law and Justice, the Ferguson Library Foundation, Hope for Haiti and the Herbert and Nell Singer Foundation; is a past board member of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut; has been an advocate for juvenile justice and prison literacy and has served on the judicial branch strategic plan and rules committees and is a National Association of Women Judges state representative.

WHEREAS, Mr. Sandak, who is a partner at the law firm of Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, is president of the Herbert & Nell Singer Foundation, chair of the Board of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut, a former vice president of United Way of Stamford, former president and founder of the Stamford EMS Foundation, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Stamford Center for the Arts, the Stamford Shelter for the Homeless and was a member of the Community Advisory Committee of Hands for Life in 2013 and 2015; and .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Jay Sandak and Mary Sommer for being selected Stamford Citizens of the Year 2015.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives sincerely thanks Jay Sandak and Mary Sommer for their many years of dedication, service and contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 4th day of April, 2016*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk