

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING PITNEY-BOWES, INC.
ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes, Inc. is celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Pitney patented his first postage stamping machine in Stamford in 1902, and founded the Pitney Postal Machine Company (later the American Postage Meter Co.) that same year; and

WHEREAS, Walter Bowes began renting stamp cancelling machines to the US Postal Service through his Universal Stamping Machine Company in 1908 and moved his company to Stamford in 1917; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Pitney and Walter Bowes merged their companies into the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company on April 23, 1920, after which the commercial potential of the postage stamping device began to be realized, so that by 1927 there were 2,849 postage meters in operation and the company had branches in 20 cities; and

WHEREAS, the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company shortened its name to Pitney-Bowes, Inc. in 1945 and continued to grow and diversify, producing machines not only for stamping, but also for counting, canceling and metering mail; and

WHEREAS, Pitney-Bowes, Inc. has been a valuable corporate citizen to the City of Stamford, with Pitney-Bowes employees providing one-on-one homework and coaching sessions to over 600 children from Springdale Elementary School once a week through its Learning is for Everyone program; and the company supporting numerous programs which improve the quality of life of the City's residents, including the Future Five College Prep Program, CLC's Head Start program; the Starfish Connection's After School and Summer Enrichment Programs; the Stamford Public Education Foundation's mentoring programs and the Stamford Cradle to Career Collaborative, to name just a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Board of Representatives congratulates Pitney-Bowes, Inc. on its 100th Anniversary and thanks it for its many contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 3^d day of February, 2020*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives