SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION THANKING COORDINATOR GEORGE DUCANIC ON 28 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM OF SOUTHWEST FAIRFIELD COUNTY

WHEREAS, George Ducanic has run the Southwest Fairfield County Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, based in Stamford, for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, George Ducanic, a Navy veteran and longtime veterans' advocate, became involved in the program in 1992 when many Marine reservists were called to active duty, creating a shortage of reservists for the Toys for Tots program; and

WHEREAS, George Ducanic has coordinated hundreds of collection sites in Stamford, Darien, Greenwich, and New Canaan that collect toys, such as supermarkets, pizza restaurants, banks, donut shops, and corporate offices, to bring thousands of toys to local organizations where they are distributed to children before December 25th; and

WHEREAS, George Ducanic's responsibilities include coordinating the many volunteers that make the program successful; submitting weekly reports to the Toys for Tots Foundation; purchasing toys with monetary donations; and protecting the program from outside groups trying to use the name; and

WHEREAS, George Ducanic is retiring from the Toys for Tots program after 28 years of dedicated service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Board of Representatives extends it appreciation to George Ducanic on 28 years of commitment to bringing joy to children through the Toys for Tots program of Southwest Fairfield County.

Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives this 1st day of February, 2021

Matthew Quinones, President

Susan Nabel, Clerk