SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RONNIE GRIGGS ON BEING NAMED STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-26 PARAEDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Griggs has served Stamford Public Schools students and families as a special education paraeducator for many years, first at WHS (Westhill High School) from 2002 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griggs returned to the district in 2017 to support students at Stillmeadow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this nomination was made by Gina Inzitari, first grade teacher at Stillmeadow Elementary School, who praised Mr. Griggs' commitment to all students, stating "his collaborative approach with the classroom teacher allows us to truly meet each student's individual needs and ensure that students are actively engaged in learning centers that are aligned with their academic levels and goals"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kathleen Kelley, the Principal at Stillmeadow Elementary School has stated "Mr. Griggs is an extraordinary paraprofessional, committed to supporting the whole child; he works tirelessly to support his students, and collaborates with all staff to ensure success for all! We are grateful for all he does for the Stillmeadow community'; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools noted "Paraprofessionals play a vital support role in our schools; working under the supervision of certified teachers or other licensed professionals, our paraeducators are vital in ensuring that all students are immersed in a supportive and effective learning environment"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Mr. Ronnie Griggs on being named the Stamford Public Schools 2025-26 Paraeducator of the Year.

Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives this 2nd day of September, 2025

Nina Sherwood, President	Megan Cottrell, Clerk