

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
HONORING ORLANDO FRANCESCONI
FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi served in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi is a former resident of Liberty Street in Stamford, and after returning from the war, married his wife, Nancy, moved to Darien and raised his two children, Peter and Lynn; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi, on August 6, 2011, was awarded a World War II Victory medal and an honorable service lapel button by Congressman Jim Himes for his service; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi was one of Stamford's first draftees in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi rose through the enlisted ranks, attended OCS and became a 2d Lieutenant in the Army; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi was a platoon leader assigned to the 16 Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, also known as "The Big Red One;" and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi was one of the first American soldiers to land in Oran during the U.S. invasion of North Africa in 1942, being one of the first American troops to be committed to WWII; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi, after participating in battles throughout North Africa, was part of the Division that led the invasion of Sicily and then on to the Italian mainland; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi's unit, The Big Red One, withdrew back to England to prepare for the invasion of Normandy and continued in combat until the end of the war in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Francesconi has dedicated many years in the service of his fellow veterans by participating in several organizations to assist veterans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Board of Representatives extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Orlando Francesconi for his military service.

*Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives
This 6th day of September 2011*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk of the Board