WHEREAS, Vincent Lubowiecki, a fourth grader at Spring Garden School, is the son of Adriana and Vinny Lubowiecki and brother to Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Matthew, a third grader at Spring Garden School, is the son of Holly and Frank Gionni; and

WHEREAS, inspired by others’ Acts of Kindness, particularly for the “Kindness for Christopher” fundraiser, Vincent and Matthew initiated a candy drive in December to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital; and

WHEREAS, starting with a donation from Mayor Alphonse Petracco and a match by the boy’s parents to buy candy, the boys set in motion the “Candy for Cancer” drive; and

WHEREAS, on December 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Vincent and Matthew set up a candy drive in Petracco’s Deli hoping to reach their $1,000 goal; and

WHEREAS, using a thermometer to track their progress, the boys worked diligently through the day quietly soliciting donations; and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of the patrons visiting the deli, the donation total was $1,614, far exceeding their goal; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that Vincent Lubowiecki and Matthew Gionni be recognized and congratulated on the success of their “Candy for Cancer” campaign in raising money for a very important cause and to also be applauded for their dedication and determination to recognize the importance of giving back. You both make us all very proud.