

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
FIRE ENGINEER****MARK J. GARBE****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Mark Garbe began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on August 27, 1979, and was promoted to Fire Engineer on June 9, 1992. He was assigned to various truck and engine companies which broadened his experience base. During his tenure with the Torrance Fire Department and up to his retirement, he was assigned to "B-Shift"; staying on a single shift over a career is a rare feat. He routinely moved-up to the Fire Captain position; and

WHEREAS, Mark was a competent Engineer in the Fire Department. His attention to and pride in apparatus maintenance and dedication to his job ensured that the apparatus was in a constant state of readiness for immediate operation. He focused on "safety first". His skills, reliability, and good judgment were important factors in completing assigned tasks successfully; and

WHEREAS, Mark knows the City well, and was an asset with the "first-in-areas" of his assignments. He was proficient in providing a safe work area at traffic accidents, where initiative and precision were key towards the safe accomplishment of tasks; and

WHEREAS, Mark was a well-rounded employee who made working life in the fire stations easy for his colleagues. He was a committed, diligent team player, known for his positive work ethic. He maintained a professional demeanor towards his colleagues and the public; and

WHEREAS, Fire Engineer Garbe retired in December 2011. He provided over 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his technical expertise to the benefit of the Fire Department and the citizens of Torrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

MARK J. GARBE

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Mark be wished a full and rewarding life in his retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of February 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk