

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
FIRE ENGINEER
MICHAEL L. ENFIELD
AS A RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

- WHEREAS,** on July 27, 2011, a group of off-duty members of the Torrance Fire Department and their families were on vacation in the Eastern Sierras. During a hike, the group encountered a party of senior citizen hikers in need of assistance – one of their female members had collapsed, was not breathing, and had no pulse; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fire personnel quickly sprang into action to care for the unconscious victim by administering Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Torrance Fire Department members Michael Enfield, Tad Friedman, Jody Radtke, Michael Simmons, and James Strock took turns performing CPR and attempting to make contact with the US Forest Service; and
- WHEREAS,** as care was being given to the female patient, her husband collapsed in a state of shock at the sight of his wife's condition. The Fire personnel divided their duties to continuously perform CPR on the female patient in cardiac arrest and to treat her husband. The US Forest Service crew arrived at the incident location, requested a helicopter evacuation, and began to search out a landing zone; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Fire Department members continuously performed CPR for over an hour until the Forest Service helicopter landed. The Torrance Fire and US Forest Service crew carried the female patient to the helicopter about 100 yards away from the scene. One Torrance Fire member continued to administer CPR in the helicopter while enroute to Northern Inyo Hospital. Unfortunately, she died at the hospital; and
- WHEREAS,** upon completion of this mission and while the husband was still under the care of Torrance Fire Department members, a second helicopter was summoned to evacuate him due to his worsening condition and remote location on the mountain. As soon as the second helicopter landed, the male patient was transported to the hospital in stable condition; and
- WHEREAS,** the Torrance Fire Department personnel involved in this mission performed in the most professional manner, demonstrating the highest quality of service. Their heroic action and individual efforts earned them this distinguished recognition – Fire Captain Michael Simmons, Fire Captain James Strock, Fire Engineer Michael Enfield, Firefighter/Paramedic Tad Friedman, and Firefighter/Paramedic Jody Radtke.

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

MICHAEL L. ENFIELD

who, while protecting lives, demonstrated the distinguishing marks of the Torrance Firefighters: Courage, Commitment, Dedication, Service, and Professionalism.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

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

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

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City Clerk