

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
POLICE DETECTIVE
JAMES W. WALLACE
AS A RECIPIENT OF THE SUSTAINED SUPERIORITY AWARD**

WHEREAS, Detective James Wallace is a 24-year veteran with the City of Torrance Police Department. He was assigned to the Detective Division, Cold Case Homicide Unit in 2007; and

WHEREAS, homicide cases that are not solved in a reasonable amount of time after the crime occurs and lack further leads for investigators to follow-up will remain open and are referred to as “cold cases.” In 2007, Detective Wallace began examining “cold case” homicide investigations, some of which had been dormant for 30 years. Detective Wallace successfully investigated and obtained convictions on four “cold case” homicides that occurred in the City of Torrance. These cases have resulted in three life sentences. Detective Wallace also has two additional “cold case” homicide cases set for trial in 2012; and

WHEREAS, specifically, Detective Wallace’s investigations led to convictions in the 1988 murder of Barbara Bradford, the 1988 murder of Joan Brooks, the 1985 murder of Archie McFarland, and the 1984 murder of Robin Hoynes. Detective Wallace is awaiting trial for the 1979 murder of Lynne Knight, and the case of Carol Luban, who was reported missing by her husband in 1981. After many years of tireless investigative work, Carol Luban’s husband, Mike Luban was arrested in April of 2011 and is currently awaiting trial for his wife’s murder; and

WHEREAS, Detective Wallace, you are commended for your commitment to the mission of the Torrance Police Department and your relentless investigations which have led to multiple “cold case” homicides being solved and successfully prosecuted. Your persistent approach to solving homicides has brought closure for many family members of the victims and placed murderers in prison for life. Your actions and achievements exemplify “Excellence Through Teamwork,” and will inspire other Department members to focus on keeping Torrance a preminent “Safe and Secure Community”.

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

JAMES W. WALLACE

who, while protecting lives and enforcing the law, demonstrates with sustained excellence the distinguishing marks of Torrance Police Officers: Courage, Commitment, Dedication, Service, and Professionalism.

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

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

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk