

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-75**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR****ROBERT J. MAAG****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Robert Maag began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on October 2, 1978. He served as a Fire Inspector in the Fire Prevention Division from 1980 to 1990. On his return to the Operations Division, Bob served on various engine companies before his assignment as a Ladder Truck Tiller Operator in 1996. Firefighter Maag developed excellent all-around fire fighting skills; and
- WHEREAS,** in December 2005, Firefighter Maag was once again assigned to the Fire Prevention Division as a Fire Inspector. His previous experience, coupled with his continuing education in building and fire codes and arson investigation, served him and the Department well; and
- WHEREAS,** Inspector Maag was promoted to Senior Fire Inspector on July 23, 2006. He assumed the duties as the Department's primary arson investigator and proceeded to become a respected fire investigator in the South Bay area. Bob actively led many investigations and brought to court cases against several fraudulent fire equipment service companies who preyed on the City's business community. He was instrumental with their successful prosecution; and
- WHEREAS,** Bob was a dedicated member of the South Bay Arson Control Team. He received various commendations from the Fire Chiefs of the other South Bay fire agencies for his professional diligence in assisting with investigations and helping solve cases; and
- WHEREAS,** Bob's career highlights include his contributions to Fire Safety Education as the TFD's first "Sparky" the Fire Safety Dog; a founding member of the Department's Critical Incidents Stress Management (CISM) program which dealt with counseling of fire employees of their traumatic experiences while on duty; involved in training the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); an original member of the Firefighter Band which assisted in community and school Fire Safety Education events. Throughout his career, Bob was always involved in TFD's heavy rescue program, which included continual specialized training and use of custom tools to extricate/protect victims of serious traffic collisions and industrial accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** as a well-rounded employee, Bob was reliable, sincere, enthusiastic, and professional in exercising his job responsibilities and investigation duties; and

WHEREAS, Bob retired from City employment effective October 8, 2012. He has provided 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and unselfishly used his expertise for maximum team performance 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

ROBERT J. MAAG

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October 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