PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1956, the Riviera United Methodist Church first opened its doors as a place of spiritual, educational and social value under the direction of Reverend S. Douglas Walters with 129 Charter members and the Reverend Thomas Dillard serving as Minister; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, members of the Riviera United Methodist Church have worked diligently and unceasingly to provide outreach to those less fortunate in the community through service and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the Riviera United Methodist Church program has expanded to include a preschool, recovery programs, and a "meals for the needy" program; and

WHEREAS, the Church facilities serve as a meeting place for many community organizations, including the Boy Scouts and various musical and theater groups; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate it's 50th anniversary, the Riviera United Methodist Church will host a dinner on Saturday, September 16, and a service of worship on Sunday, September 17, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby commend and congratulate

Riviera United Methodist Church

as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated service to the citizens of our community.

Signed this 12th day of September 2006.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers
City Clerk

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