

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
POLICE SERGEANT
RONALD EUGENE TRABER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Ronald Eugene Traber began his career with the City of Torrance as a "Policeman" on July 10, 1967, and was fortunate to witness the Department's official transition to "Police Officer;" and
- WHEREAS,** as a young Police Officer, Ron demonstrated enthusiasm and passion in his duties which soon captured the attention of supervisors in other areas of the Department, and ultimately led to a variety of specialized assignments; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1969, Ron was selected to work the Traffic Division and eventually became the Follow-up Investigator for "hit and run" and "fatality" accidents. In 1971, he was selected for assignment in Vice and Narcotics, developing expertise in bookmaking operations and other activities, and becoming one of the original members of the newly formed Crime Impact Team. Ron and his partners experienced phenomenal success in surveillance and arresting suspects for "in-progress" crimes throughout Los Angeles County and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** Ron was reassigned to the Office of the Chief of Police on two occasions: first, as a Police Officer from 1980 to 1984, and then as a Sergeant from 1986 to 1992. During these two periods, he was also the first Department member to officially be designated the Police Public Information Officer. He enjoyed an outstanding rapport with television, radio, and newspaper personalities. At the same time, he was responsible for directing and supervising the Department's Community Relations and Crime Prevention endeavors, and fostered a good relationship with community and business leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** during his career, Ron continually demonstrated a strong work ethic and was a fair, yet firm supervisor with an exceptional sense of humor. Among his accomplishments are: being a Field Training Officer and a contributor to the development and formalization of the FTO Program in the early 1970's; contributing significantly to the evolution of the Chief's Adjutant position; designing the three-color, swept lettering logo used on Torrance Police vehicles from 1983 to 2000, a design duplicated by numerous agencies across the country; and, the remodel and development of the Department's current state of the art communications center; and
- WHEREAS,** Sergeant Ronald Traber has provided over 39 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his talents for the betterment of the Police 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 Police Sergeant

RONALD EUGENE TRABER

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers
City Clerk