

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Charles Roger Keeney founded Acme Aircraft Company in a World War Two maintenance hangar at the Lomita Flight Strip in October 1945. Acme Aircraft is the longest continuously running aviation business at Torrance Municipal Airport's Zamperini Field; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1930, Roger Keeney graduated from the Western College of Aeronautics, and earned an Airframe and Engine rating with Inspection Authorization number 14000 awarded by the Department of Commerce; and
- WHEREAS,** Roger qualified for his pilot's license, number 20040, in May 1931, after only six hours of flight time. He was awarded the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award by the Federal Aviation Administration and is a highly respected, well disciplined, safety conscious pilot, teacher and flight instructor; and
- WHEREAS,** Roger Keeney has been a principle in the design and flight test development of numerous aircraft, including the Twin Navion, the Sierra S-1, and the C-82 Freighter. He is a forerunner in the development of airborne tanker/retardant bombers for fighting forest fires; and
- WHEREAS,** he has maintained his flight proficiency and pilot qualifications continuously throughout his 76-year career as an aviator; and
- WHEREAS,** upon his 96th birthday on February 15, 2007, the Federal Aviation Administration awarded Charles Roger Keeney the rare and prestigious Wright Brothers "Master Pilot Award" signifying more than fifty consecutive years of civil aviation experience.

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

CHARLES ROGER KEENEY

for his significant achievements in the field of aviation. His tireless efforts have enhanced the quality of life for so many.

Signed this 27th day of March 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk

