

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS,** Charles W. Lobb received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree from the University of Minnesota and a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California; and
- WHEREAS,** during his 27 year career with Hughes Aircraft Company, Charles worked on a variety of projects, including fire control systems and the successful landing of the Surveyor on the moon, rising to a position of Corporate Director overseeing an educational program involving 5,000 members of the technical staff; and
- WHEREAS,** Charles has been a resident of Torrance since 1964, raised his family here and served on the City of Torrance Disaster Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Charles is an Airplane Rated Pilot and a Certified Federal Aviation Administration Flight Instructor. He is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a member of the board of Community Volunteers Alert Network (CVAN), and has served as a Board Member and volunteer of the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFA); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1988, Charles organized more than 100 licensed amateur radio operators in Torrance and founded the Torrance Amateur Radio Association (TARA) to assist the city with emergency communications in the event of a disaster; and
- WHEREAS,** as the official historian of the Torrance Air Fair Association, Charles researched and documented the complete history of the Lomita Flight Strip, the Torrance Municipal Airport, and Zamperini Field over a ten year period. He created the displays in the rotunda of the General Aviation Center at the airport; and
- WHEREAS,** Charles was instrumental in the hiring of producer Maria Gavin to work with CitiCable 3 to create and produce such pieces as "Taking Flight", a Zamperini Field Documentary, and The History of Torrance Airport in 2005. In 2006, he compiled and published a collection of images of aviation which celebrates the history of flight – from the early experimental, lighter-than-air craft, to modern commercial, military and private air machines; and
- WHEREAS,** in the words of Louis Zamperini, "Chuck Lobb assembled the history of Zamperini Field in a way that allows each of us to appreciate the individuals who are so much a part of the Torrance community, its past as well as its present."

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

CHARLES W. LOBB

for his continued efforts to improve the quality of life for the community. We celebrate his great accomplishments and look forward to his continued support in the future.

Signed this 27th day of March 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk