

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-30

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
FIREFIGHTER JEFFREY S. WILLIAMS
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WHEREAS, on the night of March 22, 2006 at approximately 1730 hours, the Torrance Fire Department responded to the area of Hawthorne Blvd. and Vista Montana for a report of a person who had fallen from the area known as "Butcher Hill"; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that a 15-year-old female had been walking on the hilltop's edge, slipped and fell 30 ft. down from the top of the 300 ft. cliff. The victim had tumbled down the face of the hill, leaving her trapped against the side of the cliff in a life threatening position; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, the Torrance Fire Department prepared for a cliff rescue operation. Firefighter Jeffrey Williams immediately volunteered to be lowered down the face of the hill to rescue the young teen. The Technical Rescue Team set up their equipment to safely execute the cliff rescue and fitted Firefighter Williams with a safety harness which enabled him to be lowered down the cliff face. As he got closer to the victim, Firefighter Williams spoke calmly to the victim, reassured her he was there to help, and explained how he needed her cooperation to get them both down the cliff safely; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Williams attached the harness to the victim's waist and secured the harness to his rope, then began the slow descent until together they reached the ground, at which point care was transferred to the paramedics on the scene. The victim was found to be unharmed with just a few minor bumps and bruises and was released to her parent; and

WHEREAS, all Torrance Fire Department units involved in this rescue performed in the most professional manner and demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and high quality of service required to bring this incident to a positive outcome. The Torrance Fire Department recognizes the individual efforts that distinctively stood out – Firefighter Jeffrey Williams placed himself into a position at a high level of risk that required a great deal of courage and experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby honor and commend Firefighter

JEFFREY S. WILLIAMS

who demonstrated the distinguishing marks of a Torrance Firefighter: Courage, Commitment, Dedication and Professionalism while protecting the community and citizens of Torrance.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 10th day of April 2007.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk