

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-47**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING*****GENE BARNETT*****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Gene Barnett began his career with the City of Torrance as a Recreation Supervisor in the Parks and Recreation Department on March 20, 1972; was promoted to the position of Recreation Programs Administrator on October 14, 1975; and was appointed Director of Parks and Recreation on March 10, 1980; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene excelled in leading the Parks and Recreation Department for over 25 years and subsequently became the City's first Community Services Director in January 2005, when the Parks and Recreation and Library Departments were successfully merged under his guidance; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout his illustrious tenure as a Department Head, Gene's kind and caring attitude, affable personality, high energy and overwhelming enthusiasm earned the respect of those who worked for him. His ability to lead by example created a positive work environment that inspired all to be the best that they could be; and
- WHEREAS,** while Director of Parks and Recreation, Gene provided leadership and assistance in the development of many significant community projects, including the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Sur La Brea, Greenwood, Discovery and Lago Seco Parks, Wilson Park Sports Center, Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center, Torrance Art Museum, George Nakano Theatre, ATTIC Teen Center and the expansion of the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene served as a valued member of numerous City teams and committees including the Land Management Team, Budget Review Team, Environmental Review Board, Strategic Plan Review Committee, and the Youth Services Task Force; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1980, Gene received the prestigious "Distinguished Service Award" from the Torrance Jaycees; and in 1994, he was honored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of their Distinguished Citizen Award in recognition of his outstanding and invaluable service to the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Gene's community spirit is reflected through his active involvement in organizations including the Torrance Sister City Association, Torrance Rose Float Association, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Educational Council of Torrance, and the American Youth Soccer Organization; and

WHEREAS, during his 35 year career with the City, Gene has distinguished himself by the quality of his character, his passion for public service and his commitment to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for the residents of Torrance.

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

GENE G. BARNETT

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May 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