

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
FIREFIGHTER****CHRIS J. SMITH****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Chris Smith began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on March 1, 1976. He was assigned to various engine and rescue companies which broadened his experience base; and
- WHEREAS,** Firefighter Smith completed his paramedic training in 1978 and has been a Firefighter/Paramedic up until his retirement on December 15, 2007 ... the longest tenure of any Paramedic in department history; and
- WHEREAS,** Firefighter/Paramedic Smith always provided outstanding documentation with regard to completeness, clarity, and accuracy of his EMS reports. Chris was a valuable asset to company operations during medical emergency and fire related calls. His expertise and composure on the many responses provided a calming effect on both the patients and his peers. His paramedic knowledge and genuine concern for others reflected his caring attitude where he demonstrated dedication and professionalism; and
- WHEREAS,** Chris is an excellent cook who volunteered to keep the crew at Station Four well-fed for over 25 years, thus making it easier to accomplish all the station tasks by having the hardest task done by one dedicated individual; and
- WHEREAS,** Chris was much involved in delivering the "Wildland Training" to C-shift. He was knowledgeable about the tactics and strategy of firefighting, thus he was able to adapt to all situations which arose during emergency calls; and
- WHEREAS,** Chris was a pleasure to work with. He received numerous commendations from the Fire Chief and the citizens of Torrance for his compassion to the public and dedication to his task. His team spirit, positive demeanor, perseverance, and natural bearing were all reflected in the successful completion of any assigned tasks; and
- WHEREAS,** Chris retired from the City's employment on December 15, 2007. He provided 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and unselfishly used his expertise for maximum team performance to the benefit of the Fire 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 retired Firefighter/Paramedic

CHRIS J. SMITH

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of January 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk