

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
*FIRE CAPTAIN******MICHAEL C. GIBBONS*****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Mike Gibbons began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on February 6, 1978. He promoted to Fire Engineer on December 20, 1987, then to Fire Captain on January 11, 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike was assigned to various truck and engine companies which were beneficial to his imminent task as a Fire Captain. His commitment to excellence was impeccable. He always took pride with his accomplishments as an Engineer and as a Captain; and
- WHEREAS,** Captain Gibbons served as the Special Services Officer in the last two and a half years of his career with the Torrance Fire Department. During this period, Mike coordinated and completed myriad of projects for all fire department facilities, as well as balancing all items with the day-to-day activities needed to keep all fire department facilities in a safe and effective operating mode; and
- WHEREAS,** while the demands upon his time were immense, Mike's excellent organizational proficiency, management skills and thoroughness were reflected in the successful completion of major projects which included the remodel of Station 5; the design, order, purchase, outfitting and placing in service of two 1500 GPM Fire Engines; the replacement of two Paramedic Rescue units; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike consistently made effective decisions on facility issues, apparatus purchases, and equipment upgrades. He always had harmonious relationships with the various City departments and vendors he dealt with. Captain Gibbons coordinated the Station 1 electrical service replacement, and the administration staff move to and from the City Hall complex without interruption of service; and
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure with the Fire Department, while off-duty, Captain Gibbons saved the life of a person in cardiac arrest. He received special recognition from the Fire Chief for this incident, and other commendations from the citizens of Torrance for his compassion to the public and commitment to his duties. His dedication was sincere. Mike maintained cordial relationships with his superiors, peers, and subordinates. It was a true pleasure to work with Captain Gibbons; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike retired from the City's employment on December 20, 2007. He provided 29 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his excellence 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 Fire Captain

MICHAEL C. GIBBONS

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Mike 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