

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-111**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING  
***RONALD DAVID SHESTOKES***  
 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY  
 AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Ronald David Shestokes began his career with the City of Torrance on October 31, 1983 as a Lead Computer Operator in the Information Systems Department (now Communications & Information Technology) where he began honing his professional and technical skills; and
- WHEREAS,** as one of the original Information Technology staff members, Ron has experienced the Communications & Information Department's growth and has lived through the evolving technology transitions with the computerization of most processes throughout the City, starting with a small Basic 4 and a PDP-11 computer, then on to a Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) VAX mini-computer, then to our current client server-based systems; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1983, Ron mastered the Library's operational processes of loading data into a computer by key-punching holes into fields on a data card, then loading the data cards into a card reader where they were read "one at a time" and the information represented by the punched holes were interpolated and written as "zeroes and ones" onto spinning platters called "Disk Drives"; and
- WHEREAS,** Ron has been best known for his genuine interest in taking care of each of his users and the friendly, honest way he consistently treats people while working to analyze and resolve any technical problem that his users are experiencing; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout his career, Ron has always provided outstanding computer support to each of his users in all City departments and has consistently strived to provide the highest level and quality of service in all aspects of his job; and
- WHEREAS,** for the past 25 years, Ron has continued growing and expanding his computer training, technical knowledge and experience, and has received many letters of commendation and "kudos" from the City and its users for his responsiveness, professional attitude, and the total quality of service he has provided.

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

***RONALD DAVID SHESTOKES***

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

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of November 2008.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk