

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING  
*JAMES P. ELLINGSON*  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY  
AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Jim Ellingson began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on May 9, 1977, and became a Firefighter/Paramedic on February 19, 1978. On December 26, 1984, he was promoted to Fire Engineer and was assigned to various engine companies which broadened his experience base; and
- WHEREAS,** while utilizing his paramedic experience, Jim was a valuable asset to company operations during EMS and fire related calls. He received many commendations from both the public and the Fire Chief; and
- WHEREAS,** Jim was a respected Fire Engineer. He was an exceptional, safety-conscious driver. He possessed exceptional knowledge and abilities as they relate to the various aspects of equipment and apparatus operation including their appearance and state of readiness. He demonstrated a high level of initiative and calmness in emergency actions. His enthusiasm and sound judgment instilled confidence within the crew, leading to the successful completion of assigned tasks. Jim often moved up to the Captain position to fill the needs of the department; and
- WHEREAS,** Jim was the heart and soul of the Torrance Fire Department's "75th Anniversary Annual" and collectively compiled the department's history from 1912 through 1987. It was a beautiful piece of work which provided the sense of continuity in TFD organization that will live well beyond anyone's time of service in TFD. Jim produced another anniversary annual in 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** Jim showed incredible interests in antique fire apparatus and equipment. He donated countless hours of his time to Fire Service Days and exhibited his own antique fire engine. He also participated in many events sponsored by other City departments; and
- WHEREAS,** In December 2005, Jim retired from the Torrance Fire Department. He provided 28 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

***James P. Ellingson***

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

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

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Mayor Dan Walker

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk