

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-133

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
JIMMIE WATSON
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Jimmie Watson began his career with the City of Torrance on March 22, 1982 as a Civil Engineering Draftsman in the Engineering Department, and promoted to Senior Civil Engineering Draftsman on April 19, 1992. In 1998, the Draftsman position was reclassified as an Engineering Technician III, and Mr. Watson was appropriately reclassified to fill the slot; and

WHEREAS, through the course of 26 years in the Engineering/Public Works Department, Jimmie Watson performed his job with self-confidence, a high degree of accuracy, and always to successful completion. Jimmie contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the department and inspired all those with whom he worked; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the AutoCAD computer software, Jimmie worked on various aspects of the Capital Improvement Projects which included construction plans, draft sketches for legal description, aerial photograph sketches, base maps, exhibits, and specifications. Jimmie completed classes in advanced AutoCAD computer software program and Construction Management class; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie was an original member of the Torrance Geographic Information System Team (GIS) and he quickly transitioned from manual drafting to the new graphical information system; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie has been involved in many major capital projects throughout his career, including: Artesia Boulevard Median Landscaping; Crenshaw and 190th Streets Sidewalk and Bikeway Plans; Downtown Sewer Study; Residential Streets Rehabilitation, I-5 – Phase I, II and III; Carson Street Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie received recognition for assisting in the physical relocation of the Public Works Engineering/Capital Improvement Division and the Water Resources Division from City Hall to the Public Works Department at the City Yard.

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

JIMMIE WATSON

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of December 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk