

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-130

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
POLICE CAPTAIN MARC KENNETH WILKINS
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Marc Wilkins began his career with the City of Torrance as a Police Officer on November 14, 1975. He was promoted to Sergeant on June 13, 1993; to Lieutenant on October 10, 1999; and to Captain on November 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Captain Wilkins has served in various assignments within the Police Department, including Patrol as an Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Field Training Officer, Field Sergeant, and as Watch Commander; Detectives as an Investigator in Youth Services, Crimes Property, and Crimes Persons, and as Division Lieutenant; Research and Training as Research Officer and Training Sergeant; Office of the Chief of Police as Chief's Adjutant and the Professional Standards Unit Lieutenant; Communications as Division Lieutenant; and as Captain of the Special Operations Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Marc was considered an outstanding officer, supervisor, manager, and administrator; he was noted for being extremely well-organized and attentive to detail; his positive influence and dedication to the Department helped implement changes in many policies and procedures, including the Department's response to Officer Involved Shootings, that set Department standards for years to come; his visionary approach led to establishment of the DNA Criminalist position, as well as the Cold Case Homicide unit; and

WHEREAS, Marc has received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, other law enforcement agencies, the California State Assembly, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and numerous City departments regarding his skill and willingness to share his knowledge, with an emphasis on building teamwork between the Department and those we serve; and

WHEREAS, Marc placed a high value on training and played a key role in the South Bay Police Training Committee, as well as serving as an integral member of the Department's Emergency Vehicle Operations staff for many years; and

WHEREAS, Captain Wilkins has provided 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his many skills for the benefit of the Police 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

MARC KENNETH WILKINS

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk