

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Torrance celebrates the stunning victory of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and acknowledges, with great pride, the ongoing achievements of Torrance's own, Shannon Boxx; and
- WHEREAS,** Shannon played youth club soccer with the Torrance United Waves from 1988 to 1994, earning tournament MVP honors in the 1993 and 1994 Regional Championships. From 1991 to 1995, Shannon attended South Torrance High School. She earned her high school's *Female Athlete of the Year* award for playing not only soccer, but also volleyball, softball, and basketball. In 1995, Shannon was also named to the *Parade* All-American team for girls' soccer; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1995 to 1999, Shannon played soccer for the University of Notre Dame, helping the Fighting Irish win the school's first NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in 1995. She was named to the All-Big East team in 1995, 1996, and 1997 and tied the school's record for the "most career games played for the Irish" with 101; and
- WHEREAS,** after college, Shannon played in Los Angeles and Boston, and even in Saarbrucken, Germany. In 2001, Shannon was recruited by San Diego Spirit for the opening of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) season, where she remained until she was sent to the WUSA New York Power; and
- WHEREAS,** Shannon Boxx has played for the Women's National Team since 2003; she was a finalist for the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 2005 and won a bronze medal in the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in China; and
- WHEREAS,** winning a gold medal in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympic Games has put Shannon in the national spotlight, and this achievement, along with the numerous awards she has earned throughout her career, is a testament to her athlete prowess. Shannon Boxx has demonstrated honor, grace, good sportsmanship and heart in pursuit of her goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK SCOTTO, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2009 as

SHANNON BOXX DAY

in the City of Torrance, and urge all citizens to join in wishing Shannon Boxx best wishes in her future endeavors. Her long list of accomplishments, her hard work and dedication to striving for excellence, and her commitment to family and community, make Shannon Boxx a resident we can all be proud of.

Signed this 24th day of March 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

