

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
REAR ADMIRAL LEENDERT "LEN" HERING, SR.
OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE
50TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE**

- WHEREAS,** for 49 consecutive years, the City of Torrance has sponsored an Armed Forces Day Parade; and
- WHEREAS,** the 50th Annual Armed Forces Day Observance will commence on May 15, with military exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Center and the parade taking place on May 16, 2009 in the City of Torrance; and
- WHEREAS,** each year the Armed Forces Day Celebration gives special recognition to a specific branch of the military service, and this year the City proudly salutes the United States Navy and is honored to have Rear Admiral Leendert "Len" Hering, Sr., serve as Grand Marshal of the parade; and
- WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Hering is the Commander of the Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, California, and was commissioned through the NROTC Scholarship Program from the State University of New York Maritime College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and Oceanography and Master of Science degrees in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and Business Management from Salve Regina University; and
- WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Hering has served in the United States Navy for over 30 years with sea assignments aboard the USS Santa Barbara as 1st and 2nd Division Officer and Assistant First Lieutenant, and assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS Fahrion as Ship's Control Officer, and Combat Systems Officer; and
- WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Hering's commands have included the USS Aries and the USS Doyle, which was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike with the ship earning the Battle "E", all possible departmental awards, the Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Safety Award and two TYCOM Safety Awards; and
- WHEREAS,** Rear Admiral Hering's assignments ashore include duty as Operations and Plans Officer to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twelve; Aide and Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, 1st Battalion Officer and Ethics Instructor, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; Commanding Officer of Naval Base San Diego; Commander Naval Surface Group Pacific Northwest, and;

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Hering’s personal awards include (2) Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, (4) Meritorious Service Medals, and various other personal achievement, service awards and ribbons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, on behalf of its members and the citizens of Torrance, California, expresses its appreciation to

REAR ADMIRAL LEENDERT “LEN” HERING, SR.

who, by his presence, contributes honor and prestige to this annual patriotic event in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk