

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-119

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
POLICE SERGEANT
JOHN RONALD PRINS
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** John Prins began his law enforcement career as a Police Officer with the City of Torrance on January 11, 1980. He was promoted to Sergeant on September 26, 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** John has served in various assignments within the Police Department, including Patrol as an Officer, Field Training Officer, K-9 Officer and Field Sergeant; Detective Division; Research and Training Division; Personnel Division; Traffic Division as part of the Accident Investigation Follow-up and Education Section and as Sergeant; and in the Communications Division; and
- WHEREAS,** John was considered an outstanding employee and ultimate team player. As part of the SWAT Team John developed training exercises that ensured the team would be ready for any contingency. When he joined the K-9 Detail he prepared a training video to help officers in the field be aware of how best to use the K-9s in their investigations. His varied career and years of experience were useful in the training and mentoring of newer officers; and
- WHEREAS,** John's participation in our Torrance schools Adopt-A-Cop Program, the South Bay Special Olympics, the Torrance Crime Fair, the Department's Career and Job Fairs, and many Neighborhood Watch meetings emphasized his willingness to give of his own time which reflected positively on the Department. John used hundreds of hours of his own time in his commitment to make the Department's 75th Anniversary Commemorative Yearbook a treasured retrospective; and
- WHEREAS,** John was named Police Officer of the Year in 1997 for his dedication to the Department both on and off duty. He received commendations from Chief Herren for the extra effort he put forth on the City's Armed Forces Day Parade and Fourth of July Celebration. John has received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, homeowner associations, local businesses, attorneys and other agencies regarding his skill and willingness to share his knowledge which helped emphasize the teamwork between the Department and our community; and
- WHEREAS,** John has provided 30 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

JOHN RONALD PRINS

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of December 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Deputy City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk