

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-120

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
POLICE OFFICER
THOMAS LEE WINCHESTER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Thomas Winchester began his law enforcement career as a Police Officer with the City of Torrance on May 7, 1981; and
- WHEREAS,** Thomas has served in various assignments within the Police Department, including Patrol as an Officer and Field Training Officer; Communications; and Detective Division in the Crimes Property Section; and
- WHEREAS,** Thomas's calm and deliberative manner helped defuse many potentially violent situations which made him a valuable asset to the Department. As a Field Training Officer, his years of multi-faceted work experience made him an excellent role model. He helped develop new concepts in training and shared his "street sense", which made a significant contribution in the training and motivating of new officers; and
- WHEREAS,** Thomas put extensive time and effort into the start up of the Warrant Detail. This Detail handled over 300 active warrants which resulted in numerous arrests. As President of the Torrance Police Officers Association, he always kept the line of communication open between management and the front line troops which helped reinforce the core values and team spirit throughout the Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Thomas received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, local businesses and other agencies regarding his compassion, skill and willingness to share his knowledge which helped emphasize the teamwork between the Department and our community. He was nominated for the Medal of Valor as acknowledgment for his courage in entering a home fully engulfed in fire in an attempt to rescue two citizens who were inside; and
- WHEREAS,** Thomas has provided 28 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

THOMAS LEE WINCHESTER

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Deputy City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk