

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
HSLAO-CHYI ("TINA") CHEN
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Tina Chen began her career with the City of Torrance as an Intermediate Library Clerk on January 24, 1983 at the Walteria Branch Library, and even then her first supervisor noted her strong sense of responsibility and initiative, as well as her proficiency in performing clerical duties; and
- WHEREAS,** in November 1983, Tina transferred to the Southeast Branch Library and completed her probationary period at that location, assuming all the Intermediate Library Clerk tasks as well as management of the pamphlet file. Tina also participated as a key member of the special committee determining policy and procedures for the Library's first automated circulation system; and
- WHEREAS,** Tina was promoted to Library Assistant at the North Torrance Branch Library on September 19, 1988, where she ably hired, trained, scheduled, and supervised Library Pages and volunteers in addition to managing the request process and large print book collection. She also worked as a Library Assistant at the El Retiro Branch Library where she was beloved by patrons and staff; and
- WHEREAS,** Tina became the in-house expert on CLSI (the Library's integrated on-line automation system at the time), and all subsequent automation systems and software, providing training for co-workers and valuable 'branch' input for efficiency improvements; and
- WHEREAS,** Tina was promoted to Children's Librarian on August 17, 1991, and in addition to performing standard duties such as the provision of reference and readers' advisory services to children and their families, school services such as class visits, and library orientation and instruction for students, she served on teams planning and implementing a succession of highly successful and popular summer reading programs enjoyed by thousands of local youth; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 13, 1992, Tina assumed the duties of Supervising Librarian at the El Retiro Library, where she managed day-to-day operations at the branch. Her work was characterized by her exceptional organizational skills as well as her thoroughness, accuracy, and exemplary work habits which served as an inspiration to other staff; and
- WHEREAS,** in her 27 year career with the Torrance Public Library, Tina has made innumerable contributions such as her outstanding work coordinating Asian language collection development; her assistance with implementation of the Global Languages Materials, California Stories Uncovered, and Waterwise Gardening grants; her fostering of innovative cultural programming; her facilitation of the El Retiro Library book club and crucial assistance with the refurbishment of the El Retiro Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

HSIAO-CHYI (“TINA”) CHEN

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2010.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers
City Clerk