

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-71**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING  
POLICE SERGEANT  
RALPH DEXTER NELMS  
AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Ralph Nelms began his career in law enforcement as a Police Officer with the Torrance Police Department on December 19, 1972, and was promoted to Sergeant on December 17, 1987. Sadly, Sergeant Nelms unexpectedly passed away on June 15, 2010, eleven days short of his scheduled retirement; and
- WHEREAS,** Ralph served in various assignments within the Police Department including Patrol as an Officer, Field Training Officer, and Field Sergeant; Vice and Narcotics; Traffic; Research and Training; Detective Division in Court Liaison Detail and as the Youth Services Sergeant; and in Communications; and
- WHEREAS,** Ralph was considered an outstanding employee who led by example and exuded a quiet professionalism. His “give me more” attitude made him the Sergeant with the most collateral duties. He was a driving force in the development of the Trauma Support Team. The team responded to several incidents and was valuable in the counseling of numerous members of the Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Ralph put extensive time and effort into preparing briefings for officers that increased officer safety and he also helped supervise the smooth merging of the Fire and Police Dispatchers into Public Safety Dispatchers. He generously shared the knowledge gained during his years of experience with younger officers and newer supervisors. His exceptional efforts will help to preserve the Department’s high standards well into the future; and
- WHEREAS,** Ralph received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, the business community, and many other agencies regarding his skill and willingness to share his knowledge, which helped emphasize the teamwork between the Department and our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Ralph provided 37 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and 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 remember

***RALPH DEXTER NELMS***

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

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Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

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Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk