

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
FIREFIGHTER CHARLES H. WATSON
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Charles Watson began his career with the City of Torrance on October 2, 1978, and served as a Firefighter on various engine, rescue, and truck companies where he broadened his experience and knowledge base. He became a Paramedic on March 15, 1986; and
- WHEREAS,** Charlie was a valuable asset to company operations during medical emergency and fire related calls. His paramedic knowledge and genuine concern for others is reflected in his caring attitude. Charlie played an important role for his contributions to the success of the paramedic program in the City of Torrance. He received many commendations from both the public and the Fire Chief; and
- WHEREAS,** Charlie's commitment to career advancement led him to assist the Fire Prevention Division for a short period. He then became a dedicated Fire Inspector in the Division in October 1994. His continuing education in building and fire codes served to enhance his growth and experience in the Fire Service. Charlie admirably worked with the fire and arson investigation team and was involved in the activities of the South Bay Arson Control Team, where he assisted in mutual aid investigations of major fires; and
- WHEREAS,** while in Fire Prevention Division, Charlie also served as the Public Education Officer for the Torrance Fire Department. He provided fire safety training and information to the community, including schools and major organizations. Using his organizational skills, Charlie coordinated the annual Citizen Awards ceremonies with professionalism and success; and
- WHEREAS,** Charlie was a team player, reliable, and loyal to the public and the members of the Torrance Fire Department. Simply put, he is "one of the good guys" we will all fondly remember; and
- WHEREAS,** Charlie retired from the Torrance Fire Department in May 2006. He provided 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and unselfishly used his expertise for maximum team performance to the benefit of the Fire 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 retiring Firefighter

Charles H. Watson

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2006.

Mayor Dan Walker

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk