

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-132**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
POLICE LIEUTENANT
GEOFFREY BECKET RIZZO
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Geoffrey Rizzo began his law enforcement career as a Police Officer with the Inglewood Police Department, and was hired by the City of Torrance as a Lateral Entry Police Officer on January 11, 1981. He was promoted to Sergeant on May 1, 1994, and to Lieutenant on July 28, 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** Geoff served in various assignments within the Police Department, including Patrol as an Officer, Field Training Officer, Field Sergeant, and Watch Commander; Commercial Burglary and Economic Crimes sections of the Detective Division; Communications Division; Traffic Division as Field Supervisor; Services Division as Division Commander; and Research and Training Division as Staff Support Sergeant and the Division Commander; and
- WHEREAS,** Geoff was considered an outstanding employee who led by example and never hesitated to step in and take on additional responsibilities. As a senior officer, a member of the FTO Committee and leader of the SWAT team, his years of experience were useful in the training and mentoring of newer officers. He focused on continuous improvement. As a result of his ceaseless effort to further his education and apply his gained knowledge to the benefit of the Department, Geoff was awarded the City of Torrance's Personal Achievement Award; and
- WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Rizzo's commitment to the community and the Department was evident when he received the Employee Recognition Committee Award for his proposal and implementation of a process for the tracking of information, which enabled the City to collect back funds owed from the State. He set high standards for himself and his subordinates. As a supervisor, he delegated to his staff to motivate them, to allow them to develop new skills and to meet new challenges head on; and
- WHEREAS,** Geoff was exceptional in overseeing the planning, organizing, implementation and follow-through of multiple significant projects that will have an effect on the Department for years to come and has enabled the Police Department to continue to maintain our high standard of service to the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Rizzo has received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, local business owners, 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,** Geoff 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

GEOFFREY BECKET RIZZO

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December 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