

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-56**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
*GENERAL ROBERT W. CONE*  
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE  
52ND ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE**

**WHEREAS,** for 51 consecutive years, the City of Torrance has sponsored an Armed Forces Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS,** the 52nd Annual Armed Forces Day Observance will commence on May 20, with military exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Center and the parade taking place on May 21, 2011 in the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS,** each year the Armed Forces Day Celebration gives special recognition to a specific branch of the military service, and this year the City proudly salutes the United States Army and is honored to have General Robert W. Cone serve as Grand Marshal of the parade; and

**WHEREAS,** General Cone is the Commander of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, receiving his fourth star on April 29, 2011, and was commissioned as an Armor Officer in June 1979. His first duty assignment was in the 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, from January 1980 until December 1984. He served as a Cavalry Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer in 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, Aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander, Battalion Motor Officer, followed by command of Combat Service Support Company and then Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 67th Armor. He then attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course in January 1985; and

**WHEREAS,** in July 1985, General Cone studied at the University of Texas, Austin, earning a Master's Degree in Sociology in 1987 and assigned to the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at West Point. His duties included instructor, and later assistant professor in the department before attending the Command and General Staff College in 1990. In 1991, he reported as the Operations Officer, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where he deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. Upon redeployment, he served as the Regimental S3, then Regimental Executive Officer until the Regiment's inactivation in March 1994. He was then assigned as Regimental Executive Officer, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, and then assumed command of 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in October 1994. He then attended the Naval War College in 1997 earning a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1998, General Cone returned to Fort Hood as the G-3, 4th Infantry Division and then assumed command of 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. In 2001, he was assigned to the Joint Staff as Military Director, Joint Advanced Warfighting Program, Institute for Defense Analyses. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003 leading Joint Forces Command's Lessons Learned Collection Team, subsequently assigned Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis. In 2004, General Cone was assigned as Commander, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. In 2007, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as Commander, Combined Security Transition Command. Upon redeployment in December 2008, he served as Special Assistant, Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command before assuming command of III Corps in 2009. He deployed again to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn from March 2010 to February 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** his awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal (1 OLC), Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council, on behalf of its members and the citizens of Torrance, California, expresses its appreciation to

***GENERAL ROBERT W. CONE***

who, by his presence, contributes honor and prestige to this annual patriotic event in the City of Torrance.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2011.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Q. Sullivan  
Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk