

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-59****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING  
FIRE ENGINEER****IAN S. BURNETT****UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY  
AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Ian Burnett began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on April 25, 1983. He was assigned to various trucks and engine companies which broadened his experience base, and promoted to Fire Engineer on February 2, 1997; and
- WHEREAS,** Ian possesses a wide range of practical, mechanical and engineering skills including building construction, electrical, automotive, and metal fabrication that he used continuously while in the fire service. He was a valuable resource to the department in completion of many projects: the training trailer deck construction, outfitting the USAR-91 trailer, emergency repairs of electrical or electronic equipment in the station, dispatch, or on the apparatus; ladder refinishing, training and mentoring, many of which he used his own time, tools, and equipment freely and donated countless hours above and beyond the call of duty, to complete the projects. His vast technical background and generosity saved the City thousands of dollars in costs had the repairs been placed out for technical service and incurred charges; and
- WHEREAS,** Ian's dedication was sincere and genuine. During his tenure with the Fire Department, Ian and his Captain went to Oklahoma City in 1995 as catalyst to lend technical expertise and used the newly-developed tools in the rescue of victims of the domestic terrorist bombing of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building, which caused tragic injuries and fatalities. Ian received special recognitions and distinctions for his heroic efforts and extraordinary actions: "Outstanding Young Public Safety Officer" from the Torrance Jaycees; "Distinguished Service Award" from the South Bay Medal of Valor Committee; City of Torrance Proclamation; and various certifications and awards from City, State, and Federal government entities. He also received commendations from the Fire Chief and citizens of Torrance for his compassion to the public and commitment to the field of fire and rescue; and
- WHEREAS,** Ian was often called upon to represent the Fire Department and the City, which he did with pride and excellence. He had strong work ethics and a natural ability to demonstrate a high level of initiative and calmness during emergency situations. He excelled at vehicle extrication resulting in successful rescues of victims, thus quickly saved lives. A respected Fire Engineer, Ian was often moved-up to the captain position to fill the needs of the department; and

**WHEREAS,** Ian retired from the City's employment on March 30, 2011. He had an exceptionally productive career in fire service, providing 27 years of dedicated support 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

## ***IAN S. BURNETT***

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

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of June 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