

RESOLUTION NO. 9892

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ORANGE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO ARTHUR ROMO OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND COMMENDING HIM FOR
THIRTY TWO YEARS OF LOYAL AND
DEDICATED SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Arthur (Art) Romo began his career with the City of Orange on September 26, 1972, graduating from the Los Angeles Police Academy, where he was selected Class President by his classmates; and

WHEREAS, Art held assignments as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Master Patrolman and Detective, and was a member of the SWAT and Hostage Negotiation Teams; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1973, while off duty, Art pulled a drowning victim from an apartment complex pool and administered CPR, saving the man's life; and

WHEREAS, Art was voted "Police Officer of the Year" by his peers for the year 1981; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1983 while working alone and without resorting to deadly force, Art disarmed and arrested a felony suspect who had just committed a drive-by shooting, thereby receiving the "Award of Courage"; and

WHEREAS, Art was promoted to Sergeant in 1983, completing assignments in Patrol, Traffic and Legal Affairs, and coordinated many special events, including several annual International Street Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Art was promoted to Lieutenant in 1990, completing assignments in Patrol, Traffic, Legal Affairs and as Press Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Commander of the Special Weapons Team/Hostage Negotiation Team, Art supervised many high-risk incidents, including armed and barricaded suspects, as well as VIP protection for Vice President Dan Quayle, First Lady Barbara Bush and General Norman Schwarzkopf, and supervised the Orange Police response to the Los Angeles Riots of 1992; and

WHEREAS, Art, as B.L.T., coordinated with the Mills Corporation the planning, logistics and subsequent opening of the Police Department Substation at the Block of Orange; and

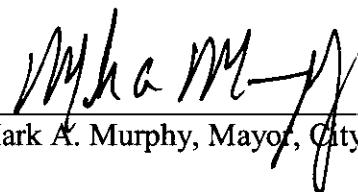
WHEREAS, Art was promoted to Captain in 2000, with assignments in Administration, Patrol and Detectives; and

WHEREAS, professionalism, dedication and commitment to the community have been the hallmark of Art's career as a member of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Art Romo has announced his decision to retire from the City of Orange effective July 23, 2004.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange expresses sincere appreciation and congratulations to Arthur Romo for his 32 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Orange, and wishes Art and his wife Terry, a happy and fulfilling retirement.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2004



Mark A. Murphy, Mayor, City of Orange

ATTEST:



Mary E. Murphy, City Clerk, City of Orange

I, MARY E. MURPHY, City Clerk of the City of Orange, California, do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Ambriz, Alvarez, Murphy, Cavecche, Coontz
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None



Mary E. Murphy, City Clerk, City of Orange