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Torrance Honors Fallen Soldier Matthew Ferrara— Name to be Inscribed on City of Torrance Veterans Memorial Wall

Torrance, Calif., Dec.17, 2007 – The City of Torrance will honor fallen soldier Army Captain Matthew Ferrara of Torrance, during a ceremony on Thursday, December 27, 2007 where his name will be inscribed on the City's Veterans Memorial Wall located at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue. The public is invited; the program will start at 10:00 a.m.

The ceremony honors the 2001 Torrance South High graduate Capt. Matthew Ferrara who is the third alumnus to die while fighting the war on terror. He joins fellow South High alumni Corporal Joseph Anzack Jr. and Specialist Micah Gifford; Anzack graduated in 2005 and Gifford in 2007.

Ferrara, 24 years old, was a U.S. army lieutenant on foot patrol when he and his group were ambushed by insurgents in eastern Afghanistan. He was among five other servicemen who died from the attack while on their mission as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force whose goal was to assist in creating stabilization and reconstruction in Afghanistan. He was promoted to captain posthumously.

Due to the event, both lanes on Torrance Boulevard from Madrona Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Additional lanes may also be closed depending on the number of event attendees.

A scholarship fund in Ferrara's memory has been established at South High. Donations may be sent to South High School, Activities Office, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505. Please write "Matthew Ferrara Memorial Fund" on the check.

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