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Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of former Tarentum Borough mayor *Carl Magnetta Jr.*

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life of *Carl Magnetta Jr.*, the former mayor of Tarentum Borough, Pa; and

**WHEREAS**, born in 1938 in New Kensington, PA. *Carl* always knew what he aspired to do with his life, help others; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964 at the age of 24, *Carl* was sworn into Tarentum Borough Council and served for 12 years. In 1977, he was appointed mayor and served for a year before he resigned due to conflict of interest with his job at the Valley News Dispatch; and

**WHEREAS**, as years passed, *Carl* held various jobs. He worked for the Valley News Dispatch for over 24 years and was eventually promoted to promotion manager. After leaving the newspaper, *Carl* went to work as a district manager with the Allegheny County Housing Authority for several year. Also, from 1988 to 2013, the *Magnetta* family ran Joan's Kiln Korner, a local ceramic and craft store; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, *Carl* was elected to Tarentum Borough Council again, a seat he held for only seven years until he was elected mayor in 2009. As mayor, *Carl* acted with the best intention of the community in mind and worked successfully and strategically with the other council members and state legislators; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, thanks to successful communication and collaboration with state Sen. Jim Brewster, *Carl* was able to obtain a \$75,000 spray park in Riverview Memorial Park. This project is celebrated as one of the many significant contributions of former mayor *Carl Magnetta Jr.*; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 after 30 years of serving Tarentum Borough, first as a councilman and then as mayor, **Carl** lost his bid for re-election. He described the defeat as a “blessing” because it gave him an opportunity to spend time with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, only a little over a year after losing re-election, **Carl Magnetta Jr.** passed away from this life on July 1, 2018 at the age of 79. **Carl’s** unwavering dedication for Tarentum Borough and its residents was an attribute that come few and far in-between; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 13, 2019, the Tarentum Borough Recreation Board will honor and recognize the life and legacy of former mayor **Carl Magnetta Jr.** at River View Memorial Park and a bronze plaque will be dedicated in his honor;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Nicholas Futules, do hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of former mayor **Carl Magnetta Jr.**, and we extend condolences to his family and friends.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of April 2019