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Body...

WHEREAS, 11-year old Kirk LeMoyne, son of local pediatrician, Dr. Frank LeMoyne, who gifted a single cot to be used for children and infants at a local hospital, could never have imagined the size and scope of his endeavor 125 years into the future. Since its founding on June 4, 1890, to present day, **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC** has grown to become one of the world's top pediatric hospitals with a reputation for innovation as well as superior care and successful treatment of kids with highly complex medical issues; and

WHEREAS, the hospital began with 15 beds near Forbes Avenue and McDevitt Place; it had grown to 100 beds by the 1920s, and it moved to DeSoto Street in Central Oakland in 1926. The hospital began serving patients from Ohio and West Virginia in the late 1940s, and by the 1980s, the hospital had undergone several expansions and renovations. In May 2009, the hospital moved to a multimillion-dollar research center in Lawrenceville when it merged with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC); and

WHEREAS, Children's has maintained its commitment to the community by providing high-quality, cost-effective, fully-accessible healthcare services for our region's most precious resource and greatest responsibility - our children; and

WHEREAS, Children's national prominence among pediatric hospitals is the result of a unique combination of facilities, capabilities, and people - including the people of this region whose support over the past 125 years has played a major factor in its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC**, and we urge the citizens of Allegheny County to join us in recognizing and commending the doctors, nurses, support staff, volunteers, and friends of Children's as they celebrate "125 Years of Caring" to the children of our region.