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Proclamation congratulating the *2019 Alderdice Hall of Fame inductees* .

WHEREAS, every year, Pittsburgh Taylor Alderdice High School recognizes distinguished alumni who are dedicated to going above and beyond and leaving their mark on the world; and

WHEREAS, this year, the selected honorees are acknowledged for their outstanding work in statistics, journalism, poetry, public health, and law; and

WHEREAS, the following five individuals will be recognized at the Hall of Fame ceremony on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00pm: Patrick Ball, PhD, Jeffrey Ballou, MA, Daniel Borzutzky, MFA, Marsha Lillie-Blanton, DrPH, and Edgar Snyder, JD; and

WHEREAS, 1983 graduate, *Patrick Ball, PhD*, founded the Human Rights Data Analysis Group, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that applies rigorous science to the study of human rights violations. He has provided quantitative analyses for truth commissions, non-governmental organizations, international criminal tribunals and United Nations missions around the world; and

WHEREAS, 1985 graduate, *Jeffrey Ballou, MA*, is a news editor for the Americas at Al Jazeera Media Network's English language channel and the immediate past president of the National Press Club. He has worked at C-SPAN, WTTG-TV, WTOP-AM, NPR, Hearst Broadcasting and Hubbard Broadcasting (CONUS) and helped to launch Al Jazeera Media Network's English language channel; and

WHEREAS, 1992 graduate, *Daniel Borzutzky, MFA*, has authored several books of poetry, including a winner of the 2016 National Book Award, *The Performance of Becoming Human*. He teaches in the English Department and Latin American and Latino Studies Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, 1971 graduate, **Marsha Lillie-Blanton, DrPH**, is a public health professional who has worked on health and health care access issues facing vulnerable populations for more than 30 years. She has held positions in government, a national health foundation, and academia. She is currently an Associate Research Professor with the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, 1959 graduate, **Edgar Snyder, JD**, founded Edgar Snyder & Associates, a law firm specializing in personal injury law that has represented more than 50,000 people. He and his firm are active in community service, engaging with dozens of charities. He has chaired the Pittsburgh Jewish Holocaust Center and founded the SOS Pittsburgh emergency fund of the Jewish Family and Children's Service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Tom Baker and Paul Klein, do hereby congratulate the **2019 Allderdice Hall of Fame inductees**, and we thank them for their unwavering dedication to Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 28th day of March 2019.