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Proclamation congratulating Stacy Smith upon the occasion of his retirement from KDKA-TV.

**WHEREAS**, “the price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.” That quote by Vince Lombardi depicts the true essence of **Mr. Stacy Smith** and his 38 years dedicated to KDKA-TV; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** is a graduate of Marian College in Indianapolis. He began his broadcast career at WLBC-AM/FM in Muncie, Indiana, in December of 1971. Prior to joining KDKA-TV, **Stacy** anchored the evening newscasts at WDAF-TV in Kansas City, Missouri, for six years. Before that, he worked at WHAS-AM/FM/TV in Louisville and WIFE-AM (now WIBC) in Indianapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** started at KDKA-TV in July of 1983 and dove right into covering politics after his arrival. He covered many of the political conversations and became one of the “go to” people on election coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, during his years at KDKA-TV, **Stacy** garnered several key awards including co-anchoring the breaking news coverage of the Crash of Flight 427, which earned KDKA-TV a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, **Stacy** anchored the first Pittsburgh newscast to win an Emmy. He also played a significant role in several Emmy Award-winning special reports including, “After the Miracle,” a report on life after transplantation, and “Generation X,” a report on the 30 and younger age group. **Stacy** also narrated an Emmy award-winning program for Pittsburgh’s PBS station, WQED-TV, entitled “Maazel!”; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** also covered stories regarding breakthrough medical technology and innovations, mostly tied to organ transplant and research. The Associated Press and United Press International honored **Stacy** for reports on Alzheimer’s Disease and Dr. Thomas Starzl, known as the

doctor who pioneered modern transplantation. Additionally, **Stacy** was honored by the Associated Press and nominated for an Emmy in 2006 for a half-hour special that he produced, wrote, and anchored on the 50-year anniversary of the discovery of the polio vaccine here in Pittsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, also **Stacy** was awarded a Golden Quill in 2007 for an hour special on then Pittsburgh Roman Catholic Bishop Donald Wuerl, which he co-produced and anchored; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** continued his coverage of religious figures when he happened to be one of the few local journalists to briefly meet with Pope John Paul II while covering the Pittsburgh Symphony's historic trip to the Vatican; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** also guided Pittsburgh viewers through many emotional and important events such as: the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting; the UPMC and Highmark insurance coverage dispute; and numerous elections; and

**WHEREAS**, most recently, **Stacy** was pivotal in the development, implementation, and execution of KDKA-TV's 2020 Election coverage plan and footprint. He also created Around the Table, a weekly political segment that became KDKA-TV's first original programming staple on the new streaming platform, CBSNPittsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to anchoring duties, **Stacy** interviewed numerous newsmakers on the weekly KD/PG Sunday Edition show. He was also the host of "On-Q Magazine," from its inception, for eight years at WQED; and

**WHEREAS**, **Stacy** was involved in multiple community activities that include having served on the Board of Directors of Harmarville Rehabilitations Center, Three Rivers Council for Independent Living, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Family House of Pittsburgh. In 2007, **Stacy** was given the title of Chairman Emeritus for Family House. He also has been involved with the Shriners and was named an Honorary Ambassador for the Syria Mosque. He is also a founding member and chaired The Pittsburgh Creche Endowment Committee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Allegheny County Council Members Patrick Catena, Tom Baker, Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bethany Hallam, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton, Paul Zavarella, and Treasurer John Weinstein, do hereby recognize and congratulate **Stacy Smith** upon the occasion of his retirement from KDKA-TV, and we commend him for all that he has done during his 50 years in broadcasting.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.