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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