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Proclamation recognizing and congratulating **Jon Burnett** upon the occasion of his retirement from KDKA, and we commend him for his extensive and impressive broadcasting career.

WHEREAS, after thirty-seven years on the air, broadcaster **Jon Burnett** has officially retired from KDKA; and

WHEREAS, with an initial football scholarship to the University of Tennessee, and completing his schooling there with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theater, he was able to flawlessly transfer those theater skills into a unique, and welcoming conversational tone in reporting the news and, eventually, the weather to thousands of viewers every day; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, **Mr. Burnett** previously worked for stations in Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee, as well as Louisville, Kentucky before coming to Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, **Mr. Burnett** was hired by KDKA as the new host of "Evening Magazine," where he first hosted alongside Liz Miles, and then Mary Robb Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 he won the Golden Quill Award as well as a National PM Magazine Award in the Outstanding Feature category; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, he co-hosted "Pittsburgh 2 Day," later getting new life as "Pittsburgh Live Today" and was nominated in 1990 for Pittsburgh's "Man of the Year in Communications" and has been nominated three times for Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards for his work as a weathercaster and feature reporter; and

WHEREAS, **Mr. Burnett** eventually shifted over to weather in the 1990's, where he won an Emmy for Individual Achievement in Weathercasting in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, **Mr. Burnett** is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Debbie, and their two children and three grandchildren, as well as his beloved motorcycle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Council Member Bob Macey and All Members of Council do hereby recognize and congratulate **Jon Burnett** upon the occasion of his retirement from KDKA, and we commend him for his extensive and impressive broadcasting career.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 18th day of June 2019.