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**Title:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and celebrate the long, distinguished, and storied career of Italo V. “Ody” Mackin, and commend him for the outstanding achievements and recognition that he won in his trade throughout his tenure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to be “Ody Mackin Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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**WHEREAS, Italo V. “Ody” Mackin** was born in the Italian village of Persariis in the Italian Alps before coming to the United States and settling in Pennsylvania; and,

**WHEREAS,** as a young man, **Ody** served in the **U.S. Army** in World War II. He served his country valiantly during his military service, including 27 months in the Pacific Theater. Upon his discharge from the military, **Ody** took advantage of the G.I. Bill and attended the **Carnegie Institute of Technology** - which later became **Carnegie Mellon University** - to study civil engineering; and,

**WHEREAS, Ody** went on to have a long and highly distinguished career in the engineering field that spanned more than six decades. His distinct and impressive capacity as an engineer can still be observed in Pittsburgh with projects such as the **Point Park Portal Bridge**, which was the first of its kind in the country, and across stateliness, with projects such as the **Delaware River Turnpike Bridge**, which connects Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He also gained notoriety for his work on the **Ohio and Indiana Turnpikes**, as well as with the **Pennsylvania Department of Highways**, the predecessor to the **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)**; and,

**WHEREAS,** he formed **Mackin Engineering Company**, which offered engineering and consulting services for more than 50 years. **Ody’s** leadership and talent were well-known, and manifested in the work that he did for all 11 engineering districts of **PennDOT, Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh**, multiple municipalities across Pennsylvania, and other public and private clients; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1980, **Ody** served as the **President of the American Council of Engineering Companies**

(ACEC/PA), an organization that chose to honor him with its most esteemed award, the **Distinguished Award of Merit**, in 1999. In 2012, the **Airport Corridor Transportation Association (ACTA)** honored him with the **Distinguished Service Award**. And, most recently, in 2014, **Ody** was honored with the **Distinguished Award** from the **Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE), Pittsburgh Chapter**; and

*WHEREAS*, in observance of his stellar career decorated with prestige and accomplishment, the **Student Award Foundation (SAF) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Pittsburgh Section**, chose in 2015 to name its primary student achievement award the “**SAF Italo V. “Ody” Mackin Achievement Award**.” The naming of that award will, in perpetuity, commend civil engineering students who reside or study in an engineering program within the bounds of the **ASCE, Pittsburgh Section**, for their outstanding, meritorious achievement and embodiment of the spirit, work ethic, and commitment to the craft that **Ody** embodied and made some of his hallmark qualities. As such, the **SAF Italo V. “Ody” Mackin Achievement Award** is one of the most prominent awards that an engineering student can receive.

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