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WHEREAS, the **USS Pittsburgh**, a Los Angeles class attack submarine laid down on April 15, 1983, and launched on December 8, 1984, was assigned to the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and homeported at Groton Connecticut; and,

WHEREAS, the submarine **USS Pittsburgh** (SSN 720) is the fourth American warship named for the City of Pittsburgh, the first being a sidewheel ironclad gunboat which helped gain control of the lower Mississippi River from the Confederacy; and,

WHEREAS, the **USS Pittsburgh** was commissioned on November 23, 1985, under Commander Raymond Setser and has seen service throughout the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea; and,

WHEREAS, in January of 1991, the **USS Pittsburgh** along with the USS Louisville conducted Tomahawk missile attacks into Iraq in support of operation Desert Storm; and,

WHEREAS, the **USS Pittsburgh** departed for the Mediterranean in October of 2002 when she once more was called upon to launch Tomahawk missile attacks during operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, **Commander Andrew C. Jarrett** of Alexandria Virginia assumed command of the **USS Pittsburgh** on January 4, 2007, and whose crew includes **Junior Officer of the Year Lt. Matt Walker**, **Junior Sailor of the Year Firecontrol Technician 2nd Class Downen** and senior enlisted member **Chief Jay Gladu**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and recognize the commander and crew the **USS Pittsburgh** for their sacrifice and dedication to duty; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 24, 2009, to be "**USS PITTSBURGH DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.