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WHEREAS, in 1979, recreational boats manufacturer Irwin L. Jacobs bought a small, Kentucky-based fishing tournament promotion company, eventually turning **FLW Outdoors**, named for Ranger Boats founder Forrest L. Wood, into the largest organization of its kind; and

WHEREAS, **FLW Outdoors** has expanded well beyond bass fishing since its founding, incorporating a new tour for walleye fishing in 2001, for kingfish and redbird in 2005, and for striped bass in 2006, as well as popularizing fishing in the realm of fantasy sports; and

WHEREAS, the top bass tournament on the **FLW Tour** and the world championship of bass fishing, the **Forrest Wood Cup**, was held in Pittsburgh from July 30th to August 2nd of 2009 on the Three Rivers, attracting the world's best anglers with the sport's biggest award-\$1 million; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the tournament, **FLW Outdoors** hosted a performance by Eric Church and a Family Fun Zone and outdoor show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, offering fans free entertainment through concerts, fishing-themed games and rides, and a chance to meet their favorite anglers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **FLW Outdoors** on its astounding achievements in the world of tournament fishing and the recent success of the **2009 Forrest Wood Cup**.