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WHEREAS, born on September 20 in 1953, our honoree came into this world saying, “I’m with you all the way on that pain, Mom, but you’d better give me milk”; and

WHEREAS, this feisty young sprout from Lincoln-Larimer, who has lived at least a quarter century in his beloved District 5, has also travelled and lived all over the world, including years on a kibbutz in Israel and a year travelling with his bride, sleeping on the rooftops in Greece and other places; and

WHEREAS, this young roué married Briget, a gem of a woman, who is accomplished at the art and craft of decorating the house, the architecture, and the body and the soul, in addition to being the award-winning fly-fisherwoman who recently imparted a bit of expertise to Troy Polamalu and his wife; and

WHEREAS, this gentleman who has been known to growl “the obfuscation is thick,” among other things, is actually an actor of some accomplishment, having capably trod the boards with the likes of Neighbor Chuck Aber in *Off the Record*, and having appeared in the film *Pittsburgh* with Jeff Goldblum and Jennifer Antkowiak, not to mention various Shakespeare productions (he harbors an affinity for characters who cavalierly brandish swords); and

WHEREAS, this friend of multitudes around the world, this lover of jazz music and primitive art, this descendant of some Irish fellow who slew a lord, reportedly once held jobs working on a tugboat and on an oil tanker; and

WHEREAS, in spite of himself, this father has raised exemplary progeny, including a daughter who is a noted fashion designer and a son who excels in the graphic and digital media arts; and

WHEREAS, not just anyone publicly contemplates celebrating his birthday week by parading around before the heads of state of the twenty most financially influential countries wearing a paper bag with the eyes cut out;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby bestows upon the President of Council some helpful timing devices and does hereby wish Council President Doug Shields a very happy Pittsburgh birthday.