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WHEREAS, Patrice King Brown, who grew up in the Sheraden section of Pittsburgh and went on to become a fixture of Pittsburgh television since 1978, retired from her position as news anchor for KDKA on January 28, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, in commemoration of her distinguished 32 year long career in television, we wish to honor Patrice King Brown with the first of a series of proclamations given to local African American figures in celebration of African American History Month; and,

WHEREAS, a graduate of West Virginia University, Mrs. Brown began her distinguished career in local television as host for Pittsburgh 2 Day, a popular talk/variety show which was the highest rated local program broadcast in the Pittsburgh market for 10 of the 12 years Patrice was host, and which featured interviews with local and national celebrities; and,

WHEREAS, after leaving Pittsburgh 2 Day Patrice became a news anchor for KDKA in 1989, a position she maintained until January 28, 2011 where she most recently anchored alongside Stacy Smith at 4pm and 6pm and with Ken Rice at 11pm; and,

WHEREAS, Patrice's ties to the Pittsburgh region go beyond her public persona, where she plays a participatory role in the community via her work with local organizations, including Negro Emergency Education Drive (NEED), board member positions at the Sojourner House, South Hills Family Hospice and the United Negro College Fund, as well as co-chair positions at the Patti Burns Memorial Walk to Benefit Radio Information Services for the Blind and the Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery (POWER); and,

WHEREAS, Patrice King Brown has been the recipient of several awards throughout her career, including the Bill Burns Award for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism from the Rooney Foundation in 2007, the Jr. Achievement Distinguished Alumni in 2006, the Lifetime Achievement in Broadcasting from the Pittsburgh Press Club in 2003, Vector's Women of the Year in Communications in 2002, and The Richard Caliguirri Award for Best Ambassador for Pittsburgh in 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 1, 2011 to be "Patrice King Brown Day" in the City of Pittsburgh, commends Patrice on a distinguished career and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.