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Resolution naming the former horse trail located at Riverview Park as the Moses Carper Trail and erecting a standard trail sign along Riverview Drive.

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Moses Carper provided learning opportunities throughout the Northside, as a small part of the country right here in Pittsburgh, from his stables along the north-eastern edge of Riverview Park, his organization brought city kids to the park for a program that provided a sense of confidence through horseback riding, teaching stewardship and caring for our environmental treasures; and

WHEREAS, Moses Carper was a graduate of Perry High School, an Army <http://www.legacy.com/memorial-sites/army/?personid=151656973&affiliateID=717> Veteran, attended the University of Pittsburgh and Waynesburg College, earning a Masters Degree in Social Work, he went about quietly working on behalf of others, an active community member within Observatory Hill's neighborhood leadership and served as President of the OHI Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Moses started the ChiYou Corral, a private stable near Mairdale Avenue on the perimeter of Riverview Park, "ChiYou" stands for children and youth, a program to share his knowledge and love of animals and nature, that uses horses to help Pittsburgh Public School students who have learning, discipline and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, Moses Carper volunteered in Riverview Park, originally as a docent and then as an Urban EcoSteward, he worked in the park year-round educating groups and maintaining the many beautiful garden beds; and

WHEREAS, Moses often said, *"Young kids often think of the park as a playground, so we move them out to the trails so that they can see that the park is all around. It can be difficult to get them to understand stewardship, but it is all of our responsibility"*; and

WHEREAS, the world has been changed by his work, a claim that not many can make, the great leadership Moses Carper exemplified by his dedication and calm demeanor will continue and the contributions he made to the Northside will live on;

**Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor and Director of Parks are hereby authorized and directed to name the former horse trail located at Riverview Park, **"The Moses Carper Trail"** and direct the Mayor and Director of Parks to erect a standard trail sign, consistent with City trail markers at a location identified in Exhibit A to this resolution, effective immediately upon the passage of this resolution.

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