



City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, Ernest Roman, a resident of the Spring Hill neighborhood on Pittsburgh's Northside, has lived a life of hard work and service, and inspired those around him; and

WHEREAS, Ernie served in the Vietnam War until he stepped on a landmine, and spent 19 months in a hospital, where he served as a mentor for other wounded warriors; and

WHEREAS, Ernie was later awarded the prestigious Purple Heart Award from the U.S. Armed Services for the sacrifices that he made for his country; and

WHEREAS, Ernie began his career with the City of Pittsburgh working for the Bureau of Fire as the first ever civilian dispatcher in 1974, before moving on to work for the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Police, and the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, after 30 years of service to the City of Pittsburgh, **Ernie** was transferred to Allegheny County in 2005 to become the Shift Commander for the 911 center; and

WHEREAS, Ernie has been praised by his colleagues for his professionalism and for always maintaining his composure, even in the most chaotic emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, long before GPS was invented, **Ernie** memorized the locations of countless city streets in Pittsburgh and could dispatch emergency vehicles in a flash, saving countless lives with his quick and efficient work; and

WHEREAS, Ernie served on the board of the Spring Hill Civic League for years in the 1980s, taking great pride in the community he so loved, and was known for having the best manicured yard in the entire City of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Ernie is an active member of the American Legion #565, and long-time member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), an organization dedicated to helping wounded veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Ernie retired from his decades of fantastic public service on July 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ernie is most of all a loving husband to his wife Mary, and father of two wonderful daughters, Natalie and Krista;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Ernest Roman** for his many years of hard work and dedication to the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, and wishes him many happy years of retirement; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare July 6, 2013, to be "**Ernest Roman Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.