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Resolution renaming the former Overlook Trail located in Riverview Park as the Himmelstein Trail and erecting a standard trail sign along Riverview Drive.

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and Riverview Park has to preserve its beginning roots and history and that of those who have helped to shape that History; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Walter Himmelstein, born 1855, and his wife Caroline immigrated to the United States from Baden Germany in 1875 to start a new life as dairy farmers, being sponsored by an American family; and

WHEREAS, after working on a farm on Igham Street in Allegheny city decided in 1887 to purchase a beautiful water abundant valley of land adjacent to what is now Riverview Park.

WHEREAS, Joseph Walter Himmelstein began his own dairy farm in the late 1800s early 1900s housing no less than fifty dairy cows at the end of Grand avenue in Allegheny City naming it Himmelstein Dairy, and Joseph W Himmelstein II and Joseph W Himmelstein III and his son Joseph D Himmelstein continued the dairy tradition, even generously supplying desperate families with milk during the milk strike of the fifties.

WHEREAS, the Himmelsteins, helped map and construct more than thirty miles of Bridle trails that are still in use today in Riverview Park.

WHEREAS, Riverview Riding Academy, as it was called, rented horses over the bridle paths that the Himmelstein family helped to construct for more than forty years. From children to Rosie the Riveters during World War II, many Pittsburghers enjoyed the sights of Riverview Park from horseback.

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

Section 1. The Mayor and Director of Public Works are hereby authorized and directed to name the former Overlook Trail located in Riverview Park as the "Himmelstein Trail" and direct the Mayor and Director of Public Works 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.