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WHEREAS, public servants who devote time and energy to improve the well-being of our communities, often without recognition or pay, make the City of Pittsburgh a more livable place for all; and

WHEREAS, Jean Fink, a graduate of South Hills High School, advocated for an elected Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, and later served on the first ever elected board in 1976; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure **Jean Fink** served as President of the School Board, and was a strong advocate for neighborhood schools. She also served as Chair of the Business Affairs, Pupil Services, Personnel, Facilities, Strategic Planning, and the Urban Boards of Education Committees; and

WHEREAS, Jean Fink often went above and beyond the job description to serve the school district and its' students. On one rainy day, she even picked up 17 students in her Volkswagen and took them all home. **Jean Fink** also participated in countless ethnic food fairs throughout the district, and many students still remember their schools being filled with the smell of sausage and sauerkraut; and

WHEREAS, Jean Fink was part of a human chain across a major roadway to protest for lower speed limits in front of a school, demonstrating her commitment to student safety; and

WHEREAS, Jean Fink has earned the respect and gratitude of so many for her professional achievements, tireless work ethic, and for her outspoken advocacy on behalf of her community and the school district; and

WHEREAS, Jean Fink is most of all a proud and loving mother to Fred, Michael, Matthew, Joanne, Susie and Peggy, grandmother of nine, and great grandmother of five; and

WHEREAS, after serving on the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education for thirty-three years, **Jean Fink** retired on December 2, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor **Jean Fink** for her tireless devotion to public service as a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Education; she will be sorely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, December 16, 2013 to be "**Jean Fink Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.