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WHEREAS, Three WPXI photojournalists, Scott Dobson, Tim Holoman, and Mark Johnston are leaving their positions after long and accomplished careers, and;

WHEREAS, Scott Dobson graduated from Syracuse University with degrees in Television, Production, and Psychology and launched his career in the Scranton and Cincinnati news markets before joining WPXI thirty years ago as a photojournalist covering local government, and;

WHEREAS, after a 36-year career, Scott will be leaving the television news business to begin a new position as the Director of Photography for WPXI'S Creative Services and will continue his work as a scoreboard videographer for the Pirates, Steelers, Penguins, and University of Pittsburgh Panthers, and;

WHEREAS, Scott, whose motto has always been "if your picture is not good enough, you are not close enough," lives in nearby Ross Township with his wife Susan of 27 years and together, they have a son Kyle, who is 24 years old, and;

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980 with a degree in Journalism, Tim Holoman joined WPXI as an intern and shortly thereafter, became a full-time photographer, a position he has held ever since, and;

WHEREAS, over his 36-year career, Tim has earned numerous Golden Quill and Ed Romano Awards and two Emmy Awards for his coverage of local, state, and federal government, major events such as the San Francisco earthquake and the attacks during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Steelers Super Bowls, and Penguins Stanley Cups, and;

WHEREAS, ten years ago, after he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, Tim received a stem cell transplant and quickly returned to the job he loved, and this year, after Tim retires from WPXI, he plans to spend time with his wife Leslie, their two grown children Tom and Lindsay, and new grandson, and;

WHEREAS, Mark Johnston began his career with WPXI as a film editor and rose through the ranks to become Chief Photographer in 1997, and;

WHEREAS, over his 38-year career, Mark covered prominent stories locally, nationally, and internationally, including the 72-hour Quecreek Mine rescue in Somerset and the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Vatican City, and;

WHEREAS, at the end of this month, Mark will be transitioning into life as a retiree with his wife of 37 years, Denise and their sons Rob, AJ, and Chris, two of whom are currently continuing their father's legacy as

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employees of WPXI-TV.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Scott Dobson, Tim Holoman, and Mark Johnston for their decades of service to the Pittsburgh region and their commitment to providing city residents with high quality news media, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 29, 2016 to be “**WPXI Class of 2016 Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.