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WHEREAS, Carol Whedbee was born on February 8, 1934, in Louisville, Kentucky to Maxine and Ellis Whedbee. On Sunday, March 11, at the age of eighty-four, **Carol** passed into the loving arms of her heavenly father, leaving a legacy of love, hard work, education, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Carol's parents, Maxine and Ellis Whedbee were lifelong educators: Maxine worked as a Spanish teacher at Alderdice High School in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, and Ellis was the principal of a high school in Kentucky, where **Carol** was born; and,

WHEREAS, Carol moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 16, and later attended the Pennsylvania State University at its main campus in State College, Pennsylvania. **Carol** was a dedicated student in her major of Business Administration at Penn State; and,

WHEREAS, Carol's work ethic and dedication to her field led her to work for Coppers, Inc., where she became Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for International Affairs. Through her position at Coppers, Inc., **Carol** was blessed with the opportunity to travel the world; and,

WHEREAS, Carol was the niece of the legendary jazz musician, Billy Eckstein, who influenced her taste in music, as well as her love for singing jazz herself. **Carol** was blessed with a true love of jazz which accompanied her in her journey through life; and,

WHEREAS, on January 11th, 1974, Carol married **Judge J. Warren Watson**. **Carol and Judge Watson** were happily married for almost 44 years, and between them, they shared a beautiful family; and,

WHEREAS, Carol leaves her children, **Kevin McDowell** and **Sheila McDowell-Fuller**, of Pittsburgh, **Attorney Wrenna L. Watson**, also of Pittsburgh, and **Attorney Robert C. Watson**, of Florida, formerly of Pittsburgh. She is preceded in death by **J. Pete Watson** and **Meredith Young**; and,

WHEREAS, Carol's life was one of dedication to her family and community. One of her favorite community organizations was the Pittsburgh chapter of the Northeasterners. In addition, she was an avid member of the Pittsburgh Pioneers Club, Deck Pinochle Club, the Grandmothers/New Grandmothers Club, and the NAACP. **Carol** was a generous contributor to NEED and the Urban League, and she sponsored a family for Children, Youth, and Family Services yearly. In her free time, **Carol** was also a dedicated member of the Stoop and Bend Garden Club; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors **Carol Whedbee** for a life lived to its fullest and a legacy of love, perseverance, dedication, and service. We convey our most sincere sympathies her family, and we convey our most special thoughts and prayers to **Judge**

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