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WHEREAS, Chris Eberlein resides in the Banksville neighborhood of Pittsburgh and in 2006, Chris began volunteering for Banksville Athletic Association's Baseball League and six years later the association was asked by Councilwoman Smith if they would be interested in starting a hockey league; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Penguins approached the city interested in building a hockey dek at Banksville Park. Councilwoman Smith reached out to the Banksville Baseball League who teamed up with Westwood Baseball to start a brand-new hockey league; and,

WHEREAS, since then, Mr. Eberlein has been a pivotal member of the hockey community and was the President of the Banksville league for the past ten years. Even in the midst of a pandemic, Venom Ball Hockey, formerly D2 Hockey, went from approximately 45 children to over 220; and,

WHEREAS, Chris is a very humble person crediting others for the success of the league and who always made the kids first. This year he has decided to step down and retire as President of Venom Ball Hockey; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Eberlein's next mission is to grow the woman's game of hockey and has taken the position of General Manager of the U20 girls National Team with the United States Dek Hockey Federation, where he will be leading the team to Slovakia in 2022 to represent their country; and,

WHEREAS, most importantly, Chris would like to focus more on his family: his wife Heather, who has helped and supported him throughout his efforts, and his four children with whom he wants to spend more time; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Mr. Chris Eberlein for his tireless work with Venom Ball Hockey and congratulate him on his retirement and new endeavor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, November 13, 2021 to be "**Chris Eberlein Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.