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*WHEREAS*, after spending his early childhood in the South Side and Brentwood, **Guy Junker**, along with his family, moved to Baldwin Borough when he was in the third grade; and

*WHEREAS*, **Junker** started working at a young age, and, by the time that he had turned 13, he was already a carrier for the Pittsburgh Press and bowling alley pinsetter. He also worked as a vendor at Three Rivers Stadium, which allowed him to see the Immaculate Reception in person before he began his sports media odyssey; and

*WHEREAS*, after graduating from Baldwin High School, he studied journalism at Pennsylvania State University. Upon his graduation, he began working at WPQR-FM in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, earning \$10 for each high school football game that he covered. **Junker** later joined Pittsburgh's Channel 4 in 1984 and has been working steadily in sports television and radio ever since; and

*WHEREAS*, his first stint at WTAE lasted from 1984 to 1990. He then left to take a job at the now-defunct Sports News Network in Washington, D.C., but quickly found that he missed covering his hometown teams; and

*WHEREAS*, once back in the Steel City, **Junker** returned to sports broadcasting as the co-host of "SportsBeat" with Bob Pompeani and, later, Stan Savran. He went on to become a mainstay of Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins pre- and post-game shows, and earned eight regional Emmy Awards for best sports series during his 23 years as host of "Penn State Football Story;" and

*WHEREAS*, over the course of his storied career that spanned 44 years, **Junker** has covered four Super Bowls, was in Baltimore for the 1979 Pirates' World Series-clinching Game Seven victory over the Orioles, watched his alma mater beat Miami in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl to earn a College Football National Championship, and provided expert coverage and analysis of countless other games.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Guy Junker** on his iconic role in Pittsburgh sports media and his accomplished career as he looks forward to a retirement from sports broadcasting; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Saturday, May 28, 2022**, to be "**GUY JUNKER DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.