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WHEREAS, Sam “Bam” Clancy has been noted as one of the greatest athletes to ever come out of the City of Pittsburgh. Mr. Clancy started at old Fifth Avenue High school, leading the basketball team to a state championship as a junior in 1976. Following Fifth Avenue’s closure, he went to Brashear High School and was a member of its first graduating class in 1977. A 4-year basketball starter for the University of Pittsburgh Panthers from 1977-1981, averaging 14.4 points and 11.6 rebounds per game. Still the only Pitt basketball player to score more than 1000 points and grab over 1000 rebounds during their Pitt career

WHEREAS, Mr. Clancy was a three- time All Eastern 8 selection, leading the Panthers to 4 winning seasons, the 1980 NIT and the 1981 NCAA Tournament. He additionally played for legendary coach Bobby Knight as a member of the U.S. Gold Medal team at the 1979 Pan American Games.

WHEREAS, his decorated basketball career earned him selection to the University of Pittsburgh Athletics Hall of Fame, as well as a spot on the University of Pittsburgh’s All-Centennial Men’s Basketball Team. Additionally, he was named an Awardee of Distinction by the University of Pittsburgh’s Varsity Letter Club.

WHEREAS, he was drafted by two different professional sports leagues: the NBA’s Phoenix Suns (1981) and the Seattle Seahawks (1982), the latter occurring even though he never played collegiate football. Clancy played one season of professional basketball in the Continental Basketball Association before playing 12 seasons of professional football. He was a member of the Seahawks and then returned to Pittsburgh to play for the Maulers of the upstart United States Football League, earning the franchise’s MVP award in its lone season of existence. Mr. Clancy later returned to the NFL as an impact defensive end for the Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts, finishing his NFL career with 227 tackles, 30 sacks and 7 fumble recoveries.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Mr. Sam Clancy for his achievements, the legacy he has built in the City of Pittsburgh”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 24, 2023 as Sam Clancy Day in the City of Pittsburgh.