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Title: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Karla Boos, Wendell G. Freeland, Esquire, Rabbi James A Gibson and the Squirrel Hill Post Office for their outstanding dedication and many contributions to their community and for their well deserved recognition as a Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition Treasure ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, October 17, 2013, to be "SQUIRREL HILL URBAN COALITION TREASURES DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, All Members

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WHEREAS, the **Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition** is celebrating its 41th year as a non-profit community group dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life in the 14th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, in it's 41th year, members of the **Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition** continue to provide leadership to the community by studying, debating and advocating positions on issues affecting the neighborhood's vitality reflected through a long range planning process which fosters community-based-initiatives in housing, education, transportation, commercial, residential and institutional development and parks and open spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the **Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition** is hosting its second annual **Squirrel Hill Treasures Dinner & Celebration** on Thursday, October 17, 2013, to honor three outstanding citizens who contribute to the vitality of the neighborhood and who best represent the goals of the organization, and to honor one location that embodies Squirrel Hill's vibrancy and diversity; and,

WHEREAS, **Treasure Karla Boos** is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Quantum Theater which creates adventurous productions of contemporary theater from around the world and stages updated classics in innovative performance sites all over the city. Karla has won awards locally. is a member of the International Women's Forum and the National Theater Conference and written, directed and appeared in many productions ; and,

WHEREAS, **Treasure Wendell G. Freeland, Esq.** is an accomplished Pittsburgh attorney, a graduate of Howard University and the University of Maryland where he was the first African American elected to the

Order of the Coif. Mr. Freeland was a Bombardier with the Tuskegee Airmen with the 477th Bombardment Group in WW II. Admitted to the Bar in 1951, Mr. Freeland has had a distinguished legal career and was also a Founding Member of the Hill House Association and the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition; and,

WHEREAS, Treasure Rabbi James A Gibson is celebrating his 25th Anniversary as the spiritual leader of Temple Sinai , where he has supported and promoted the congregation's Family of Families through his learned teaching and his passionate commitment to social justice in the Jewish community and beyond. Rabbi Gibson chairs the Jewish Unity Project and co-convenes the Priest-Rabbi Dialogue sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. A graduate of the University of Michigan and ordained at the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Gibson also holds a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and an honorary Doctorate of Divinity, is adjunct faculty at Chatham University and is presently a Rabbinic Fellow in the Institute of Jewish Spirituality; and,

WHEREAS, the Place Treasure is the **WPA Era Mural** at the Squirrel Hill Post Office.

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