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Title: WHEREAS, the late Dr. J. Kaye Cupples was known as a kind, gentle, and brilliant man who had a passion for students with disabilities, and who worked tirelessly to help colleagues, students, youth, or children that crossed his path; and,

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WHEREAS, the late Dr. J. Kaye Cupples was known as a kind, gentle, and brilliant man who had a passion for students with disabilities, and who worked tirelessly to help colleagues, students, youth, or children that crossed his path; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cupples began his career as a Speech and Language Pathologist with an emphasis on the deaf/hearing impaired at Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS). He rose to numerous positions within Special Education at PPS, finally becoming the Director of The Program for Students with Exceptionalities. His last position at PPS was the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; and,

WHEREAS, while at PPS, he launched a transition program called C.I.T.Y. Connections, which stands for Creating Individualized Transitions for Youth, allowing significantly disabled individuals aged 17-21 to experience apartment living and life on a college campus; and,

WHEREAS, after his career with Pittsburgh Public Schools, Dr. Cupples was an Associate Professor of Special Education at Point Park University, contracting with the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University and later became the Department Head at Point Park; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cupples authored numerous articles related to special education and was a Principle Partner of WingSpan Alliance Special Education Consulting Services, and a board member at the Watson Institute and at The PEAL Center; and,

WHEREAS, his passion for education is further supported by two Master’s degrees, a Doctorate and a Letter of Superintendentcy; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Kaye Cupples was a loving father to his son Jason, a cherished grandfather, and a friend to all who knew him; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby remember and honor the life of Dr. J. Kaye Cupples; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Wednesday, September 29, 2021, to be “*Dr. J. Kaye Cupples Day*” in the City of Pittsburgh.