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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare this week to be "Remembering Yvonne Zanos Week" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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WHEREAS, Yvonne (Marquer) Zanos grew up in the South Hills, graduating from Bethel Park High School and Bethany College, before going on to modeling and becoming runner-up in the Miss Pennsylvania pageant - which led to her serving as Miss Pennsylvania when the winner became Miss America; and

WHEREAS, while filling in her personal life with husband and former Pitt football star Jim Zanos, and having two daughters and five grandchildren, Ms. Zanos also continued her career in the public eye, as a cohost of *Evening Magazine* on KDKA-TV in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, after briefly working in Kansas City, Missouri, Ms. Zanos joined WTAE as a reporter in 1984, and in 1987 she delved into covering consumer advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanos returned to KDKA in 1997 as consumer editor, valiantly doing battle on behalf of the shortchanged, flimflammed, defrauded, and victimized citizens, winning the prestigious Gabriel Award and gaining several nominations for Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards, and most recently winning the Patti Burns Award for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Zanos spent her life helping others, and she eagerly participated each year in the Children's Hospital Free Care Fund Telethon, and led the campaign to feed thousands of Western Pennsylvanians on Thanksgiving through the KDKA Turkey Fund; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2007, Ms. Zanos joined the Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer in October of that year, as honorary chair; and

WHEREAS, after a two-year battle with her cancer, having just turned 60 years old on January 6th, our dear friend and advocate has left us; and

WHEREAS, in memory of this friend to Pittsburghers, this woman who asked "Does it really do that?," her friends and family suggest that we remember her with further donations to the KDKA Turkey Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare this week to be "*Remembering Yvonne Zanos Week*" in the City of Pittsburgh.