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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2011, "The Walk", a sculpture honoring pioneering Pittsburgh architect and real estate developer, Franklin West, will be dedicated at 521 Shady Avenue on what would have been his 79th birthday; and

WHEREAS, "The Walk" was sculpted by James West, Franklin's cousin, and sculptor of "Point of View" on Mount Washington; and

WHEREAS, Franklin West dedicated his life to restoring the historic beauty and character of scores of homes in Shadyside, taking a blighted, declining area in the 1960s and transforming it into the thriving, highly-desirable neighborhood that it is today; and

WHEREAS, Franklin West has left a lasting legacy on the City of Pittsburgh both through his urban redevelopment efforts and his service in local organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Center for International Legal Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the life and work of Franklin West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 13, 2011 "Franklin West Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.