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WHEREAS, Amen Corner is a prestigious organization which has been a Pittsburgh tradition since 1870 and whose purpose is to encourage camaraderie, fraternity and relationships amongst people of all walks of life; and **WHEREAS**, initially, the fraternity that was Amen Corner only consisted of prominent and privileged men who included doctors, lawyers, judges, politicians and business leaders but in the 1980's, the organization admitted women and minorities and in 2001, inaugurated its first female President; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Cyril Wecht**, born to immigrant parents, raised in the Hill District of the City of Pittsburgh, rose to national prominence through his distinguished careers in medicine, law, politics and government; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Cyril Wecht** built a prominent career in medicine and forensics, having served as the Allegheny County Coroner where he revolutionized the operation of the Coroner's Office by creating significant upgrades in the professionalism and technology of the office; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Cyril Wecht** is an internationally renowned expert in forensic pathology and notable media consultant on celebrity deaths appearing as a frequent guest on numerous national television and radio shows; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Cyril Wecht** had an illustrious career in politics, having served as the elected Allegheny County Coroner, Allegheny County Commissioner and the Chairman of the Allegheny County Democratic Party, all during years of transition and growth; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2011, the Amen Corner will be hosting its 141st Holiday Party at the Mansions on Fifth, in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Amen Corner for honoring **Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.**, as the inaugural recipient of the Amen Corner Excellence in Leadership Award, for his outstanding professional achievement and personal successes and does hereby declare Wednesday, December 7, 2011, to be "**Dr. Cyril Wecht Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.