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WHEREAS, **Stephen Colbert** is a premiere comedian and television host of Comedy Central's highest-rated series, *The Colbert Report*, in which Colbert plays a satirical version of his conservative political pundits; and,

WHEREAS, with his wit and humor, **Stephen Colbert** has raised awareness about many important issues, and has won three Emmy Awards, has earned the distinction of *Time's* 100 Most Influential people in 2006 and 2012, and even had an airplane named after him; and,

WHEREAS, **Stephen Colbert** brought light to the powers and money-raising abilities of Super Political Action Committees by forming his own Super PAC in 2011; Colbert ultimately raised over \$1 million dollars which he distributed among several charities including Hurricane Sandy relief efforts and the Yellow Ribbon Fund, which serves wounded soldiers and their families; and,

WHEREAS, **Stephen Colbert** announced the creation of the "Colbert Super PAC Super Fun Pack" contest with a grand prize of "Turty," a century-old sterling silver bell in the shape of a tiny turtle and a visit to the winners' school; and,

WHEREAS, Penn Hills native, **Daniel Stough**, along with his University of Pittsburgh classmates, **Justine Buchman**, **Benjamin Zaczek** and **Daniela Aizpitarte**, embarked on a treasure hunt equipped with only a map, a decoder ring, an American flag, an Allen wrench and their own knowledge of the staunch Republican character Stephen Colbert plays; and,

WHEREAS, these four Swanson School of Engineering students "spent a lot of wasted days thinking about ridiculous things," and beat out 999 teams in the race which led them on a ten hour drive to the home town of Ronald Reagan, Dixon, Illinois, where they were greeted with a fake log with a note inside offering congratulations and contact information for Stephen Colbert; and,

WHEREAS, thrilled to receive news that he was coming to a place within driving distance, Stephen Colbert arrives in Pittsburgh on Friday, December 18 at the University of Pittsburgh for a speech, question-and-answer session, and a book signing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate Stephen Colbert for his ingenious integration of politics and comedy, his philanthropic efforts and for his appearance at the University of Pittsburgh, and recognizes the students for their unusual achievement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 18, 2013 to be "**STEPHEN COLBERT DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.