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WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas was born July 15, 1927 to two Greek immigrants, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, he studied architecture at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University; and,

WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas, now 94, established himself as the leading modern architect in Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, since founding his own architecture firm, Tasso Katselas Associates, in 1955, Tasso Katselas has created many significant buildings that define the landscape of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania in addition to works in 8 other states and 4 other countries; and,

WHEREAS, some of Tasso Katselas' most notable works include, the Pittsburgh International Airport (1992), the St. Vincent Monastery (1967), the Carnegie Science Center (1991), and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial (1961) in Washington D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas is also known for his designing of various residential works for low-income housing, families, and college and universities; and,

WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas partially retired from Tasso Katselas Associates, in 2005, but continues to advise and consult with his former co-workers; and,

WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas has been recognized for his work on the Pittsburgh International Airport and has received many different awards and accolades over his lifetime such as the *Architectural Record Awards of Design Excellence*. His work has been repeatedly recognized as the best airport in the U.S. and was honored with the *Impact Achievement* award by the Federal Aviation Administration; and,

WHEREAS, Tasso Katselas has visited a total of 28 countries, forming lifelong and meaningful friendships with those he was fortunate enough to meet; and,

WHEREAS, although Tasso Katselas has traveled far and wide and lived in many places over the years, Pittsburgh has and will always be his home.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the decades-long career of Mr. Tasso Katselas and his stunning contributions to the fields of Architecture and Art.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare July 15th, 2021

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to be “**Tasso Katselas Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.