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WHEREAS, Chuck Rakaczky arrived at Bishop Canevin High School as the Executive Director, Development and Business Operations in May 2020 after retiring from a career in healthcare administration with St. Clair Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, his background in healthcare helped guide the school successfully through safety protocols to daily operate and stay open throughout the COVID Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rakaczky's business and finance expertise helped with successful major fundraising and careful expenditure efforts, which enabled the school to add an Innovation Lab, a new fitness center, an outdoor classroom, renovated gymnasium, bathrooms, locker rooms and the lobby. His efforts also helped to lower the tuition this coming year to enable more students in the Pittsburgh area to afford coming to Canevin and obtain a faith-filled Catholic education; and

WHEREAS, a faith-filled Catholic education is something he has always supported, believed in and promoted. Evidenced by his marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Sue Milinski, making sure all five of their children have been graduates of Canevin; and,

WHEREAS, Sue came to Canevin as the full-time librarian in 2008 and switched to part-time in 2012. Sue was no stranger to Canevin. Her father, Walter Milinski, was Canevin's first lay teacher in 1959 when the school opened; and,

WHEREAS, as the librarian, Sue has been instrumental in continuing the Book Club (known affectionately as BC² (BC squared), hosting events such as Teen Read Week and Poem in Your Pocket Day, the former Spirit Night and Book Fair at Barnes & Nobles. In addition, she coached students who entered the annual Western Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English spring English Festival; and,

WHEREAS, Sue was always willing to chaperone, assist with any teacher's projects by finding additional resources, borrowing books from other libraries as necessary, and generally pitching in wherever necessary, even the Mission trips; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Chuck and Suzan Rakaczky exemplifying Canevin's motto "Service for Others" and congratulate them on their retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Saturday, June 4, 2022 to be "Charles and Suzan Rakaczky Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.