

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania, founded in 1982, has chosen to honor Mr. Phil Axelrod as a 2014 inductee to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania has a mission to financially support Jewish related sports programs in Western Pennsylvania and Israel and to honor Jewish men and women with connections to Western Pennsylvania who have achieved a high level in athletic competition, or with prestigious careers that are closely related to the sports field, with induction into the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Axelrod's passion for sports developed at a young age and he proved himself while at Taylor Allderdice and Duquesne University, competing in varsity baseball and tennis tournaments; professionally, he went on to become a well-known sports journalist who is now retired after 37 years at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and stints as a contributor to publications including The Sporting News and Football Digest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Axelrod's beat included weekly columns about bowling and tennis, and he covered national tournaments in both sports; he has also covered local golf tournaments, including the US Open and PGA events at Oakmont Country Club, and wrote about the Pittsburgh Pirates playoff games against the Cincinnati Reds in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Axelrod was best known for his college sports beat during the glory days when Tony Dorsett and Dan Marino played and the Panthers won the 1976 championship; he has covered numerous bowl games, including Cotton, Gator, Sugar, and Orange, and six NCAA Final Fours; he is the author of a book on the history of the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic and provided radio commentary for Robert Morris basketball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mr. Phil Axelrod on his induction into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 18th day of May, 2014.

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