Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ida Melaragno, born on Tuesday, October 20, 1914, will celebrate her 100th birthday this year; deeply appreciated and loved by her family and friends, they join together today to wish her a happy birthday and many more wonderful years ahead; and

WHEREAS, a Pittsburgher for most of her life, Mrs. Melaragno and her husband, Luca, were blessed with a daughter, Marlene, as well as many other loving family members; Mrs. Melaragno is also very fortunate to have a loving son-in-law, Joseph Shahin, as well as her caring neighbors; today, she resides on Englewood Drive where she continues to live independently; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melaragno has not slowed down even though she is nearing this milestone birthday; she enjoys rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers and is known by her family as being very sharp and having a wonderful sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melaragno has seen her community change drastically during her lifetime: 1914 Pittsburgh saw suffragettes parading for equality, the rise of a small family-run company called Heinz, and the Pirates’ own Honus Wagner becoming the first player in the 20th century to reach 3,000 career hits; today’s Pittsburgh has women taking an active role in government and business, its H.J. Heinz Company headquartered here, but recognized as a global food company, and the Pirates making a second consecutive post-season appearance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish Mrs. Ida Melaragno a very happy 100th birthday, as well as health and happiness in all her years to come.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby encourage all fellow residents, family and friends to pay tribute to Mrs. Melaragno on her 100th birthday, as we celebrate this milestone with her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 20th day of October, 2014.

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