WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, comprised of more than 100 community businesses and organizational leaders, is hosting the 8th Annual Chuck Tanner Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 15 at the Rivers Club; and

WHEREAS, the Chuck Tanner Awards are a special event to raise public awareness of rotary projects as well as to honor Chuck Tanner, a man who personified what is good about baseball; recipients of the Chuck Tanner Awards are dedicated to the sport and to excellence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the money raised from this event funds projects such as the annual Ethics Symposium for high school students; scholarships; Caring Habits, a monthly program to help elementary school children develop positive values; the New Citizens reception; The Center for Entrepreneurship for Youth at Urban Pathways Charter High School; and Hekima Place, a home in Kenya for children orphaned by AIDS; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Rotary Club has chosen to honor Mr. Joe Spano as the Chuck Tanner Collegiate Coach of the Year; this year, head coach Joe Spano will begin his 15th season as the Lakers manager at Mercyhurst University; and

WHEREAS, Joe led Mercyhurst to one of the best seasons in program history in 2011, making a run to doorstep of the Division II College World Series; he has guided the Lakers to nine consecutive winning seasons – the longest string in school history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mr. Joe Spano on being the 2014 recipient of the Chuck Tanner Collegiate Coach of the Year from the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of November, 2014.

Rich Fitzgerald

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