Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania, founded in 1982, has chosen to honor Mr. George Siford as a recipient of the 2014 Ziggy Kahn Award; 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. Siford is the athletic coordinator at the Shadyside Boys & Girls Club and has made a career of helping children develop the sort of skills needed to excel on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Siford began his career at the Shadyside Boys & Girls Club as athletic director in the early 1960s, and subsequently went on to work at the McIntyre Shelter for Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, Elizabeth-Forward and Baldwin-Whitehall School Districts, Central Catholic High School, Gateway and Fox Chapel School Districts, and Community Day School in Squirrel Hill; today, he still coaches ninth grade basketball in the Fox Chapel School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Siford is an accomplished athlete on his own; he was a four-sport athlete in high school, a Division One basketball player at Loyola University, and a professional baseball player in the St. Louis Cardinals’ minor league system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mr. George Siford on receiving the 2014 Ziggy Kahn Award from 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.

Rich Fitzgerald
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