WHEREAS, Louis Leo Kendrick, affectionately known as “Hop,” is celebrating his 90th birthday this year and will be joined by family, friends, and community members to mark this exciting milestone in a celebration at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on November 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the son of Milton and Lola Kendrick, Hop was the third of four children; he was born and raised in Pittsburgh along with his two older brothers, Gilbert and Milton Jr., and younger sister, Jewel “Lorretta;” he has been married to the love of his life, Gloria, for 67 years; the couple has three daughters – Toni, Kim and Jerri, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and also boasts a slew of extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Hop served in the United States Army, serving as a corporal before his discharge and end of his military career in Detroit, Michigan; following his father’s death, he returned to Pittsburgh to run the family’s trucking business; in addition to being a business owner, Hop also served as a county detective, an investigator for the public defender’s office, an interim county council member for District 10, and the director of the county’s MBE/WBE and DBE programs; and

WHEREAS, Hop is also a longtime community organizer in the Hill District and East End and gives voice to that activism as a columnist with the New Pittsburgh Courier through his “To Tell the Truth” column; he is also a lifelong member of New Destiny Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, formerly known as Carter Chapel CME Church, where he serves as chairman of the Steward Board; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish Louis “Hop” Leo Kendrick a very happy 90th birthday, as well as health and happiness in all his years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 26th day of November, 2021.

RICH FITZGERALD