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## **Statement from Rich Fitzgerald, SPC Executive Director and Former Allegheny County Executive, on the Passing of Cyril Wecht**

“It is with great sadness that I learned about the passing of Cyril Wecht this afternoon. Cyril had a long and distinguished public service career. From serving in the U.S. Air Force to being one of Allegheny County’s Commissioners and the County’s coroner—public service and hard work ran in Cyril’s blood.

“His influence on the forensic pathology profession cannot be overstated. He became a pioneer within his field, and for nearly seven decades was sought after by government officials, celebrities, and industry leaders for his expertise.

“While Cyril achieved national fame because of the many high-profile cases he consulted on, he always called Southwestern Pennsylvania home. He was born in Greene County, grew up in the City, earned his bachelor and medical degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, and he and his wife raised their children here.

“I know I join many from across our region in saying that we want to thank Cyril for his many years of public service. He was a deeply devoted family man, and I want to extend our region’s thoughts and prayers to his wife, children, and grandchildren during this difficult time.”

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