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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Sanford upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Douglas M. Sanford and Mary R. Peyton were united in marriage on June 12, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Charlestown, Indiana with the Reverend Staten Lightfoot officiating; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of four children and the loving grandparents of fifteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Sanford are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

WHEREAS, Their love, devotion, caring, sensitivity and responsiveness to their family, friends and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas M. Sanford graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy in 1949; he continued his education at the University of Louisville where he earned a degree in zoology in 1953, as well as a medical doctorate in 1957; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his board certification in 1964, Dr. Douglas M. Sanford successfully maintained a private practice in Watertown, New York from 1967 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Douglas M. Sanford served on the medical and surgical staffs of the former Mercy Hospital and the House of the Good Samaritan Hospital (now Samaritan Medical Center), as well as a five-year term on the House of the Good Samaritan's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, President of the Samaritan medical staff from 1980 to 1981, Dr. Douglas M. Sanford was the Chairman of the Ear, Nose and Throat Department for many years; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Dr. Douglas M.

Sanford is a member of the Ives Hill Country Club, a former Eagle Scout and a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor, as well as a member of the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Northern Choral Society; and WHEREAS, Mary R. Sanford graduated from Jefferson Indiana High School in 1950, and Norton Infirmary School of Nursing in 1953; in addition to being a homemaker, she practiced as a Registered Nurse at Norton Memorial Infirmary, Louisville Veterans Administration Hospital and Upstate Medical University in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Mary R. Sanford has been a steadfast community volunteer for several organizations, some of which include, the Thousand Island Girl Scout Council, Watertown Morning Musicales, House of the Good Samaritan Auxiliary Watertown Lyric Theater, Ives Hill Country Club and the Jefferson County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Mary R. Sanford was a member of the Presbyterian Women Board of Directors where she served as a moderator and treasurer; she received the esteemed Israel A. Shapiro Award in 1994, in recognition of her countless years of community and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Sanford have lived and continue to live their lives with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for human values and ideals, and in so doing, they have inspired others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, This meaningful occasion is the result of the love, hard work and spirit that this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, These same values they have passed to their loved ones, producing a family that is close-knit and supportive of its individual members, public-minded in its relations to the community and committed to the ideals of citizenship upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Sanford have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage, which is a testament to the devotion and admiration which they

possess for one another; and

WHEREAS, The longevity of this enduring marriage truly marks a milestone in life's journey, an event of personal triumph and joy; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an occasion of such importance is brought to our attention, the same should be memorialized by us for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Sanford upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Sanford.