

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing James and Naomi Beckner.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing James
2 and Naomi Beckner.

3 *Whereas, James Beckner was born July 6, 1917, and grew*
4 *up in Princeton, Indiana;*

5 *Whereas, Naomi (Sturm) Beckner was born August 10,*
6 *1919, and grew up in Clinton, Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, James enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942*
8 *during World War II, where he served as a torpedoman's mate*
9 *first class, and Naomi was appointed to the United States Navy*
10 *in 1943 as a reserve nurse;*

11 *Whereas, After enlisting, James was deployed to sea to*
12 *serve on the U.S.S. Colhoun on picket station one;*

13 *Whereas, While deployed, James was severely injured*
14 *during the Battle of Okinawa, when the Japanese bombed the*
15 *U.S.S. Colhoun four times, sinking the ship and killing 51 and*
16 *wounding 18 servicemen;*

17 *Whereas, Naomi was assigned to the Navy Nurse Corps*
18 *and served at the Great Lakes Naval Service attending to*
19 *patients who were severely injured during the War, where she*
20 *met James;*

21 *Whereas, After the war, James and Naomi married and*
22 *returned to Princeton, where they started a family and a*



1 *business, Beckner Jewelry Store; and*

2 *Whereas, Both being proud of their service in the United*
3 *States Navy, James passed away on April 10, 1977, and Naomi*
4 *passed on November 26, 2016: Therefore,*

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
6 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
7 *concurring:*

8 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
9 memorializes James and Naomi Beckner and appreciates their
10 service to the State of Indiana and the United States.

11 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
12 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of James and
13 Naomi Beckner.

