

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the Dawalt Funeral Home on its 110th year of dedication and service to the Washington County community.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the Dawalt  
2           Funeral Home on its 110th year of dedication and service to the  
3           Washington County community.

4           *Whereas, In 1908, Winfield Dawalt and William Etzler took*  
5           *over a funeral home business from Curtis Calloway, located on*  
6           *the southwest side of Salem square, to begin the Dawalt and*  
7           *Etzler Funeral Home;*

8           *Whereas, The Dawalt and Etzler Funeral Home was*  
9           *officially renamed the Dawalt Funeral Home in 1940;*

10           *Whereas, In 1950, the Dawalt Funeral Home was*  
11           *purchased by Frank E. Newkirk Sr., an employee, and moved*  
12           *to its current location at 204 East Market Street*

13           *Whereas, Mr. Newkirk operated the funeral home until*  
14           *1962, when he sold the business to his brother-in-law, Dan*  
15           *Kelly Sr., who operated the business until his passing in 2010;*

16           *Whereas, Dan Kelly Jr. joined the Dawalt Funeral Home*  
17           *as an employee in 1972 and continues to run the business with*  
18           *his son, Adam Kelly, who joined in 2006, following Dan Kelly*



1 *Sr.'s passing;*

2 *Whereas, All three generations of the Kelly family were and*  
 3 *are fully dedicated to the Dawalt Funeral Home, with Dan*  
 4 *Kelly Sr. having raised Dan Kelly Jr. in the living quarters*  
 5 *above the funeral home, and Adam Kelly now residing with his*  
 6 *own family in the same quarters;*

7 *Whereas, The Dawalt Funeral Home has adjusted to*  
 8 *support the lives and lifestyles of local residents over the past*  
 9 *century, including major renovations to add a second chapel*  
 10 *and an adjacent parking lot with a handicapped accessible*  
 11 *entryway, adding parlors and lounges, and altering the length*  
 12 *of funerals from multiple-day affairs with two or three days of*  
 13 *visitation to two-day funerals;*

14 *Whereas, Although the Dawalt Funeral Home changed*  
 15 *hands and faces over the past century, the goal to keep up with*  
 16 *the ever-changing needs of the community and strive to offer*  
 17 *the best possible facilities and services to the people of*  
 18 *Washington County has never faltered; and*

19 *Whereas, The Dawalt Funeral Home will be proudly*  
 20 *celebrating the 110th year of its family-owned and operated*  
 21 *funeral service to Salem and Washington County in 2018:*  
 22 *Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
 24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates the Dawalt  
 26 Funeral Home on its 110th year of dedication and service to the  
 27 Washington County community.

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
 29 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Dawalt Funeral Home, Inc.

