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Whereas, Members of the Mumford family have lived in the New Harmony/Griffin, Indiana, area for over 170 years;

Whereas, The first Thomas Mumford came to the New Harmony area in 1828 to teach manual arts in Madame Fretageot's school as a member of the Robert Owen experiment;

Whereas, He trained apprentices in woodworking skills, specializing in cabinetry. His work is still in evidence today in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church;

Whereas, Over the years, the Mumfords have accumulated land in the Wabash River bottoms near Griffin, Indiana, including their farm that has been immortalized in photographs by renowned New Harmony photographers Homer Fauntleroy and Lichtenberger;

Whereas, Thomas F. Mumford spent his early years in Indianapolis but used the Griffin farm's log cabin as a getaway;

Whereas, After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Thomas returned home to marry his childhood sweetheart, Emily Letitia Sinclair, known as Tish;



Whereas, Tom and Tish, along with their infant son, Thomas F. Mumford II, moved to New Harmony shortly after the baby was born;

Whereas, After living in New Harmony for a short time, Tom and Tish moved to the log cabin on the Griffin farm where their family expanded to a total of six children;

Whereas, Tom, through his association with Governor Robert D. Orr, was influential in the placement of Interstate 64, specifically the interchange at Griffin, Indiana;

Whereas, Tom was also instrumental in obtaining the Federal Levy No. 5, which aided in the elimination of flooding in the area and increased the viability and economic value of the agricultural land in the Griffin area;

Whereas, In recognition of his years of service to his community, Thomas F. Mumford was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1968;

Whereas, Thomas F. Mumford, who passed away in 1975 at the age of 54, is greatly missed by his family, his community, and his state; and

Whereas, It is fitting that accomplishments such as these should receive special recognition: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana
2 department of transportation to designate the State Road 69 bypass
3 around New Harmony ending at the I-64 interchange at Griffin the
4 Thomas F. Mumford Memorial Highway.

5 SECTION 2. That the principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
7 Thomas F. Mumford and the commissioner of the Indiana department
8 of transportation.

