

# *Resolution of Condolence*

**Paul W. Sunderland, M.D.**

**Introduced by David J. Hagan, MD**

WHEREAS, Paul Wesley Sunderland was born March 19, 1919, in Fisher, Illinois, graduated from Fisher High School, received his Bachelor of Science degree from University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, then graduated in 1942 from University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago;

WHEREAS, he completed a medical internship at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., while serving with the U.S. Navy from June 1942 to July 1947;

WHEREAS, Paul was a family physician in private practice for 47 years in Gibson City and Fisher where he provided patient care;

WHEREAS, he was an AAFP member from 1949 until he retired in 1994 and had been an AAFP Diplomate since 1972;

WHEREAS, Dr. Sunderland played an active role in establishing the Gibson Community Hospital which opened in 1952 and was the first inductee into its Hall of Fame, aptly named the Sunderland Society;

WHEREAS, Paul actively recruited fellow physicians throughout his time in practice which was one of his most important contributions to the hospital's success;

WHEREAS, Dr. Sunderland lived a life of community service as a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church and its choir; founding board member of Gibson Area Hospital Foundation; member of Gibson City Board of Education; co-founder of Gibson Area Music Foundation and founder of Gibson Area House Rehab Foundation;

WHEREAS, he was recognized as an important member of the community when he was inducted into Fisher High School's Hall of Fame and also named Citizen of the Year for Gibson City;

WHEREAS, Paul W. Sunderland, M.D., 95, died Friday, January 16, 2015, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians join the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians in recognizing Dr. Paul Sunderland's numerous contributions to family medicine, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Sunderland's family as an expression of condolence.