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Proclamation in Recognition of Joann Puffer Kotcher

Body

Whereas, Joann Puffer Kotcher was a member of a very brave and unique group of women called Donut Dollies. Donut Dollies served during wartime as part of the American Red Cross bringing a little bit of home to soldiers on the front. Joann served as a Donut Dolly in Vietnam in 1966-67 and also served a one-year tour in Korea. Joann was one of the first civilians to go to Vietnam in service to the military. Her job, a recreation worker serving frontline combat and combat support troops, was very dangerous. During her service there, Joann missed being shot more than six times. Veterans she served with remember her fondly and think of her as one of them; and

Whereas, Joann has chronicled her courage in her book titled, *Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl's War in Vietnam*. While historians have called her book important, highly readable, and well-researched, *Donut Dolly* is ultimately a tribute to the heroism of our unsung soldiers; and

Whereas, during her time of service as a Donut Dolly, Joann Puffer Kotcher put herself in danger to help bring comfort to American soldiers; and

Whereas, at a time it was needed most, Donut Dollies served their country and fellow man by writing letters,

singing songs, serving donuts, and bringing light and laughter to young men in very grave situations and very far from home.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of Rochester Hills, hereby recognize and commend Joann Puffer Kotcher for her service to our country during the Korean and Vietnam Wars , and applaud her and all the Donut Dollies for their service to our country.