

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 630

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Linda Kerley of Collierville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Linda Kerley; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Kerley graduated from Seton High School and attended the College of Mount St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerley moved with her husband Ken Kerley to Collierville in 1989 for an employment opportunity, and she and Mr. Kerley worked as affiliate brokers with ERA Chamberwood Realty, specializing in residential real estate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerley served with acumen and alacrity as the first female alderman in Collierville from 1995 to 1999 and later served as Collierville's only female mayor for two terms before retiring in 2008; she earned the respect of her peers and her constituents alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, during her time as mayor, Linda Kerley worked for the betterment of the people of Collierville, whom she saw as her extended family; she is best remembered for the construction of the Carriage Crossing retail center and the expansion of Highway 385/Nonconnah Parkway, as well as the dedication of a new town hall and library; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerley was an active and devout member of the Church of the Incarnation, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kerley and her husband Ken have one son, Kevin; Mrs. Kerley dedicated much of her time to being involved in her son's activities, which led to her eventual interest in serving the Town of Collierville; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by her sister, Joyce Schneider (Robert); her brother, Ron Martin (Barbara); her in-laws, Alice Bartish (Andy), Frank Kerley (Carol), and Robert Kerley; and twelve nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with her practice of service to others, Mrs. Kerley requested that her body be donated to the Genesis Legacy of Life at Medical Education and Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Linda Kerley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Linda Kerley, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Linda Kerley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.