

SENATE RESOLUTION 22

By Taylor

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert "Bob" Carrington Kelsey of Collierville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert "Bob" Carrington Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kelsey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a sixth-generation native of Collierville, Bob Kelsey was born on March 18, 1946, to Elizabeth Carrington Kelsey and James Thomas Kelsey, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelsey graduated from Collierville High School in 1964; during his high school career, he served as student council vice president, captain of the school's football team, and member of the school's baseball team, in addition to being named Best All-Around Athlete and receiving honorable mention All-County recognition in baseball and football; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kelsey proudly served his nation as a member of the U.S. Air Force for three and one-half years; while stationed in Bitburg, Germany, he worked on airplane avionics and periodically traveled throughout Europe with his airbase's baseball team as its catcher; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 1969, Mr. Kelsey married his middle school sweetheart, Kay Keough Kelsey, at Collierville Christian Church; all told, their romance lasted for nearly sixty-five years, including fifty-three years of wedded bliss; and

WHEREAS, after working his way through school as a delivery driver for Wonder Bread, Bob Kelsey graduated from Memphis State University, now known as the University of Memphis, in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelsey worked in sales for Donruss after college but spent the majority of his nearly forty-year professional career in the safety products industry as an employee of

MCR Safety, Cordova Gloves, and Radians, which recently debuted the Bob Kelsey Golden Gloves Champion Award in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kelsey was an active and devout member of Christ United Methodist Church, where he participated in Bible studies and the Seekers Sunday school class; he was also a faithful member of the Amen Bible Study group at Second Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his beloved wife, Mr. Kelsey is survived by his sons, Robert Carrington "Carr" (Fran) Kelsey, Jr., and Brian Kirk (Amanda) Kelsey; sister-in-law, Rachel Kelsey (widow of James Thomas Kelsey, Jr.); identical twin brother, William McDonald Kelsey; and six grandchildren, Carrington Kelsey, Ainsley Kelsey, Knox Kelsey, Reagan Kelsey, Kirk Kelsey, and Hardin Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kelsey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Robert "Bob" Carrington Kelsey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his 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 Mr. Kelsey.

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