

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 570

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A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of Margaret Lynn "Peggy" Kidd Lambert of Maryville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor the memory of those esteemed individuals who dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Lynn "Peggy" Kidd Lambert was one such noteworthy person, who distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, born to Clyde and Margaret Kidd in Maryville on October 13, 1940, Peggy Lambert was a member of Maryville High School's illustrious graduating class of 1958, which included Lamar Alexander, who would go on to serve this State as a governor and U.S. Senator; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Grady Nursing School in 1962 as a Registered Nurse, Mrs. Lambert became an effective and accomplished travel nurse in New York, New York, and San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lambert married the love of her life, John Mitchell Lambert, Jr., on November 19, 1966, and this joyous union produced two sons, John Mitchell (Andi) Lambert III and Jason Matthew (April) Lambert, and five treasured grandchildren: Sophia Lambert, Luke Lambert, Hollyn Lambert, Helen Lambert, and Charlie Lambert; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the young couple moved to Alabama, where they would excel in the quarrying industry; and

WHEREAS, a staunchly dedicated member of the Republican Party, Peggy Lambert worked assiduously to help rebuild the Republican Party in Alabama in the 1970s and hosted such prominent national Republican leaders as Ronald and Nancy Reagan; and

WHEREAS, after selling their Alabama quarries, the Lamberts moved back to Maryville in 1985, at which time Peggy Lambert immersed herself in Republican politics by hosting fundraisers and volunteering countless hours; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lambert was elected to critical political posts, including statewide Tennessee National Committeewoman from 2008 to 2016 and National Vice Chairman of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her community, she also served with distinction on the Blount County Commission from 2009 to 2014 and was instrumental in opening the state-of-the-art Blount County Animal Shelter, working closely with the Blount County Commission, Smoky Mountain Animal Care Foundation, Mayor Jerry Cunningham, Mayor Ed Mitchell, and other important stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lambert greatly enjoyed gardening and antiques and ran several successful antiques businesses in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lambert passed away on May 8, 2022, leaving behind to cherish her memory her beloved sons and grandchildren; her brother, Bob (Dottie) Kidd; her sister, Cindy Teague; her niece, Robin Kidd; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Lambert 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 most appropriate that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the life and memory of Margaret Lynn "Peggy" Kidd Lambert, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her contributions to the people of Tennessee, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.