

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

In Memory
of
Kaye Goolsby

WHEREAS, Residents of Katy lost an admired civic leader with the passing of Karon Kaye Tinsley Goolsby on June 19, 2023, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Harold Tulsa "Tip" Tinsley and Sarah Johnette "Pete" Tinsley, the former Kaye Tinsley was born in Ruston, Louisiana, on April 3, 1950; she completed her bachelor's degree in business administration at Louisiana Tech University and married her college sweetheart, Gary B. Goolsby, on April 26, 1975; after living briefly in Houston, they settled in Katy in 1977; they became the proud parents of a son, Greg, and Mrs. Goolsby supported him in all his activities; she served at his schools in numerous capacities, from PTA officer to varsity football coordinator, and then benefited the entire Katy Independent School District as a member of its PTA Council and Partners in Education Advisory Board; she was also a member of the advisory team for Taylor High School, and alongside her husband, she became a Keystone Investor in the Katy ISD Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goolsby gave generously of her time and talents to numerous organizations, among them the Memorial Parkway Community Association, Houston Junior Forum, and the Business Steering Committee for Houston Community College; she chaired the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee and led the chamber's Katy Day event during three legislative sessions; long active in the Republican Party, she provided invaluable expertise to countless successful campaigns at the local, state, and national levels; she held a variety of key positions in such organizations as the Mason Creek Republican Women, West Houston Republican Women, and Greater Katy Area Republicans, and she was highly involved in the Texas Federation of Republican Women; eventually, she took prominent roles in the National Federation of Republican Women; she was honored in 2011 as one of the Top Ten Republican Women in Texas; along the way, she combined her passion for education and politics by arranging for students to meet public officials, making school presentations on the democratic system, and judging mock congressional hearings; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, Mrs. Goolsby was a pillar of First United Methodist Church of Katy, and she became its first female lay leader; above all, she was devoted to her family, which grew to include two treasured grandchildren, Preston and Avery; and

WHEREAS, The life of Kaye Goolsby stands as an inspiring example of civic engagement, and her contributions will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kaye Goolsby and extend sincere condolences to her family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Karon Kaye Tinsley Goolsby.

Kolkhorst, Huffman

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 7, 2023, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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