

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 481

Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley, an Omaha attorney and lobbyist, passed away on Friday, September 8, 2023, at the age of seventy-six; and

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley was a graduate of Creighton Preparatory School, Creighton University, and Creighton University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, after law school, Mike Kelley engaged in the private practice of law with his father, the late Thomas P. Kelley; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mike Kelley was appointed to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and was subsequently elected to a second term; and

WHEREAS, after completing his term on the Douglas County Board, Mike Kelley's law practice centered on government relations and lobbying, primarily before the Legislature and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley represented a variety of interests with long time representation of Douglas County and the horse racing and gaming industries, and ultimately, shared a lobbying and government relations practice with his son, Sean; and

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley founded Clancy's Pub with his father, and was also owner of the original Zesto's across from Rosenblatt Stadium and the current Zesto's and Blatt Beer and Table, both located next to Charles Schwab Field; and

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley is survived by his wife, Kathleen, sons, Tom, James, and Sean, and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mike Kelley, through his service to the Douglas County government and the Omaha community, through his activity in Nebraska politics, and through his lobbying of the Legislature, has left a lasting legacy and he will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature sends condolences to the family of Mike Kelley.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mike Kelley.