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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

Offered February 16, 2022

*Celebrating the life of J. Kenneth Klinge.*

Patrons—Obenshain; Delegate: Gilbert

WHEREAS, J. Kenneth Klinge, an esteemed political consultant, influential transportation expert, and beloved member of the Basye community, died on October 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth "Kenny" Klinge was executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia during its rise in the 1970s and helped to secure electoral victories for Governors Mills Godwin and John Dalton; he also later played a major role in the successful campaigns of Governors George Allen and James Gilmore, as well as United States Representative Thomas Davis; and

WHEREAS, on the national level, Kenny Klinge held leadership positions in President Ronald Reagan's campaigns for the 1976, 1980, and 1984 elections and was the national political director for the National Republican Congressional Committee during the 1988 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Klinge served as special assistant and deputy assistant secretary to two Secretaries of Transportation during President Ronald Reagan's administration and went on to lead various transportation entities in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area before retiring in the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Klinge's illustrious career was marked by several major accomplishments, including the expansion of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport while he was serving on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the extension of the Washington Metro rail out to the Dulles Corridor in Northern Virginia during his tenure as chairman of the Dulles Corridor Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Klinge was a regular at Bryce Resort in Basye, where he enjoyed playing golf, and was known for his exceptional ability to entertain family and friends with stories from his travels and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Klinge will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 44 years, Jean; his children, Michael, John, and Kendra, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of J. Kenneth Klinge, an accomplished political consultant whose contributions to the Commonwealth impacted countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of J. Kenneth Klinge as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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