

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-018**

**Sponsored by: Commissioners Mike Akard, Tom Stinnett, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Rick Carver, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, Jim Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Brian Robbins and Linda Webb**

**Blount County Commission Resolution Honoring Peggy Lambert  
Submitted by Mike Akard May 10, 2022**

**Whereas**, Margaret Lynn (Peggy) Kidd was born to Clyde and Margaret Kidd in Maryville, Tennessee on October 13, 1940; and

**Whereas**, Peggy graduated from Maryville High School in 1958 in an illustrious class which included Governor Lamar Alexander; and

**Whereas**, Peggy graduated from the Grady Nursing School in 1962 as a Registered Nurse and served as an effective and accomplished travel nurse in New York City and San Francisco; and

**Whereas**, Peggy married the love of her life John Mitchell Lambert Jr. on November 19, 1966, and in 1970 they moved to Alabama to excel in the quarry business; and

**Whereas**, Peggy and John had two amazing sons; John Mitchell Lambert III born on December 19, 1971, and Jason Matthew Lambert born on March 14, 1973; and

**Whereas**, Peggy helped to rebuild the Republican Party in Alabama, and hosted important national Republican leaders including Ronald and Nancy Reagan while living there; and

**Whereas**, after selling their quarries in Alabama in 1985, Peggy and John moved back to Maryville; and immediately immersed herself in Republican politics by hosting fundraisers and volunteering countless hours. She was elected to numerous critical posts, including statewide Tennessee National Committeewoman from 2008 until 2016 and National Vice Chairman of the Republican Party. Peggy served with distinction on the Blount County Commission from 2009 until 2014; and

**Whereas**, Peggy and John were also blessed with adorable grandchildren whom they loved dearly: Sophia, Luke, Hollyn, Helen, and Charlie Lambert of Charleston, South Carolina; and

**Whereas**, Peggy also loved all of God's creatures—and especially dogs—in particular Bella her Dachshund. Peggy 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 also loved gardening and antiques and ran several successful antiques businesses in East Tennessee. Her gardens are a spectacular reflection of God's creation; and

**Whereas**, Peggy had a deep and abiding belief in Almighty God and her savior Jesus Christ, unfortunately died much too soon on May 8, 2022, in Maryville. Peggy is undoubtedly in a much better place without fear or pain in the Kingdom of Heaven; now

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Blount County Commission wishes to honor the exceptional life and legacy of Peggy Lambert and to extend sympathy to her beloved sons John (Andi) and Jason (wife April); her brother Bob Kidd and his wife Dottie; her sister Cindy Teague; her grandchildren Sophia, Luke, Hollyn, Helen, and Charlie Lambert; her niece Robin Kidd; her multitude of nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews; and to her legions of friends and admirers on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

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Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date