

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hewes,  
Moffatt, Lee, Cuevas, Dawkins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF LEE R. KERLEY AND  
2 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE TO HIS FAMILY.

3 WHEREAS, Lee R. Kerley departed this life on Sunday, November  
4 3, 2002, in Biloxi, Mississippi; and

5 WHEREAS, Lee R. Kerley was a native of Tennessee and a  
6 resident of Biloxi for the past 33 years; and

7 WHEREAS, he retired from the United States Air Force as a  
8 Master Sergeant after more than 20 years of service to his  
9 country; and

10 WHEREAS, Lee R. Kerley served as Executive Director of the  
11 Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast and guided those clubs to  
12 national prominence; and

13 WHEREAS, after 20 years of Lee R. Kerley's leadership and  
14 stewardship, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast grew from a  
15 struggling organization with a \$50,000.00 annual budget to an  
16 organization with a budget of \$1.5 Million improving the lives of  
17 countless children; and

18 WHEREAS, his dedicated hard work was honored by the Boys &  
19 Girls Clubs with the following awards: Association of Boys &  
20 Girls Clubs Professional Association's Southeast "Administrator of  
21 the Year" in 1998; Boys & Girls Clubs of America Southeast Region  
22 "Robert M. Sykes Award" for professional excellence in 2000; Boys  
23 & Girls of America National "Executive of the Year" in 2000;  
24 Association of Boys & Girls Clubs Professional Association's  
25 "Executive of the Year" in 2001; and Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
26 National Service to Youth for 20 Years of Devoted Service; and



27           WHEREAS, the lives of thousands of children have been touched  
28 by the untiring service of Lee R. Kerley; and

29           WHEREAS, Lee R. Kerley is survived by his wife, Mary Kerley;  
30 daughter, Carrie White; son, Glen Kerley; mother, Nadine Kerley;  
31 brothers, Glenn Kerley and Billy Kerley; and three grandchildren;  
32 and

33           WHEREAS, Lee R. Kerley leaves a legacy of committed and  
34 dedicated service to improving the lives of children through the  
35 Boys & Girls Clubs of America:

36           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE FOR THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of Lee R. Kerley  
38 and express the sympathy of the Senate to his family.

39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
40 the family of Lee R. Kerley.

