

SR-42, As Adopted by Senate, April 29, 2009

Senator Sanborn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 42.

A resolution honoring George Kell.

Whereas, With the passing of George Kell, the Detroit Tigers and their fans have lost a Hall of Fame player, broadcaster, and ambassador for the team as well as the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, A native of Swifton, Arkansas, George Kell began playing the game he loved at an early age, gaining the skills he would later display as a member of the Athletics, Red Sox, White Sox, Orioles, and Tigers organizations; and

Whereas, He would have nine seasons in which he hit over .300, including 1949, when he bested Ted Williams during the final week of the season to claim the batting title; and

Whereas, Combined with his sure-handed fielding abilities, his talents resulted in ten All-Star Game appearances, including six starts and his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983; and

Whereas, After his retirement, George Kell became one of the iconic voices and ambassadors of Tigers baseball, introducing countless Michigan residents to the game with his laid-back delivery, Southern charm, and stories of his playing days; and

Whereas, His accomplishments on the field, although prodigious, pale in comparison to his qualities as a man, husband, father, and grandfather; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest esteem to honor the career, legacy, and memory of George Kell; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Kell family and the Detroit Tigers organization as evidence of the esteem that will be long held for his memory.