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Dear Member,

The KEA family is mourning the passing and celebrating the life of one of our icons, Joyce L. Dotson.

Joyce served as the first ever Vice President of KEA from 1978-1979. She was elected KEA President in 1980 and served until 1982. After completing her term, Joyce went back to her passion in service to public schools as an elementary school teacher. Joyce retired after 34 years of service in the Shelby County Public School System.

Joyce loved KEA and went back to working for public education as a KEA UniServ Director in our Bowling Green and Elizabethtown offices as an advocate for teachers and education support professionals. Her passion for politics led her back to Frankfort when she took over KEA's Legislative and Political efforts as Government Relations Director.

Upon her retirement from KEA, Joyce continued her advocacy as President of KEA-Retired and was a regular presence at the Capitol where she held legislators and decision-makers accountable for their actions.

Joyce was a true advocate for her profession and provided a model for those who will continue to lead and advocate in her absence.

Thank you, Ms. Joyce! We will take up your torch and continue your work.

Click here for the [Obituary for Joyce L. Dotson](#).



Sincerely,
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