



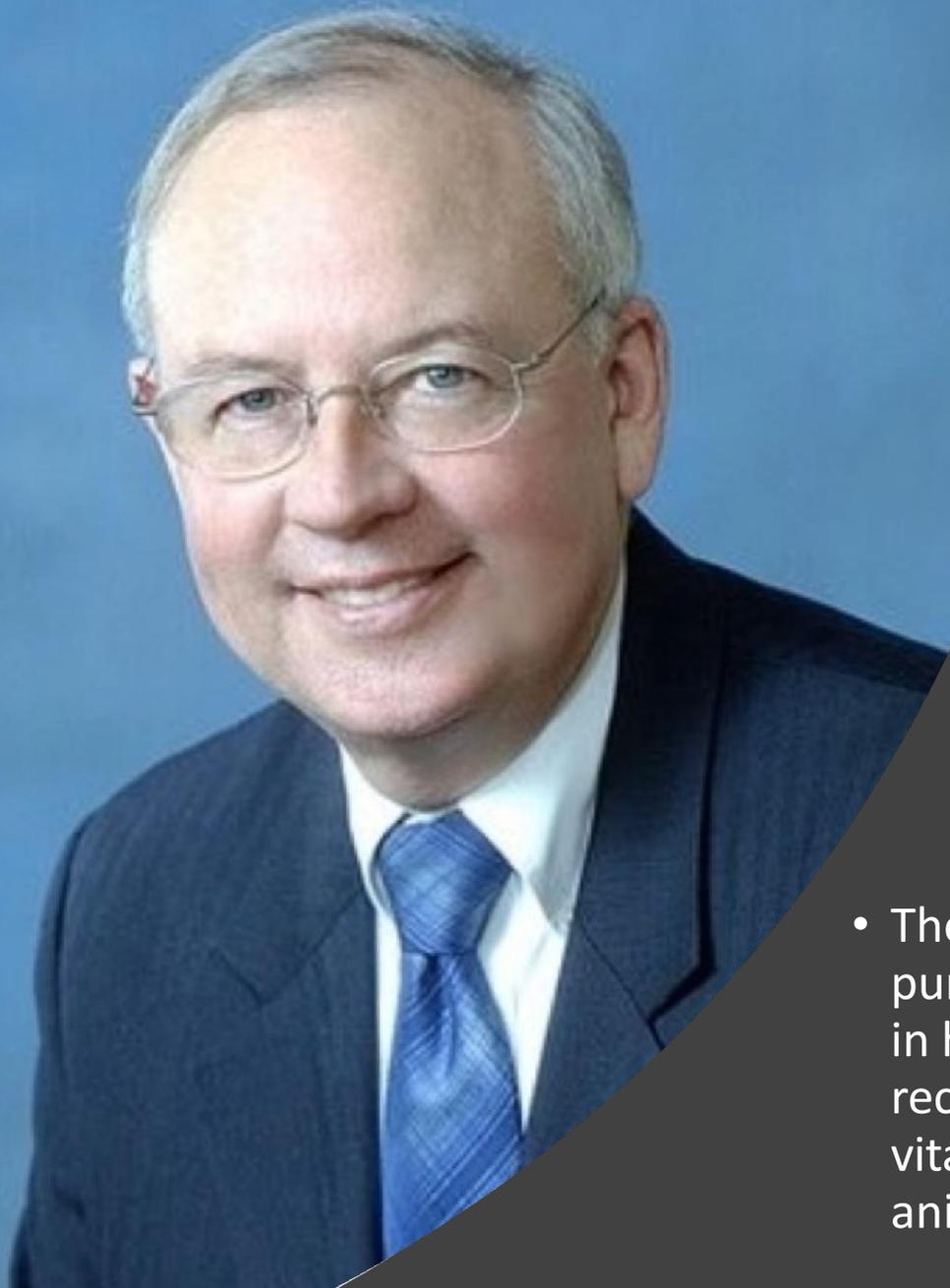
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“On the Road To Extinction”

*Proposal for the donation of a
sculpture by artist*

Solomon Bassoff

Presented by Fiona Bond,
CEO, Creative Waco



Background

- When Judge Ken Starr passed away in Summer 2022, his friends Betsy and Clifton Robinson wanted to find a unique way to remember him, and honor his wife Alice
- When Waco Sculpture Zoo was installed in 2020, the Robinsons remembered how the Starrs loved a sculpture named “On the Road to Extinction” by Solomon Bassoff and had hoped to gather a group of donors to purchase it
- The Robinsons now propose to purchase this artwork and donate it in honor of the Starrs and in recognition of Cameron Park Zoo’s vital role in saving endangered animals

Proposed Artwork: “On The Road to Extinction”

- By California based artist, Solomon Bassoff
- Well-respected artist. Six of his much-loved sculptures are already in the Waco Sculpture Zoo



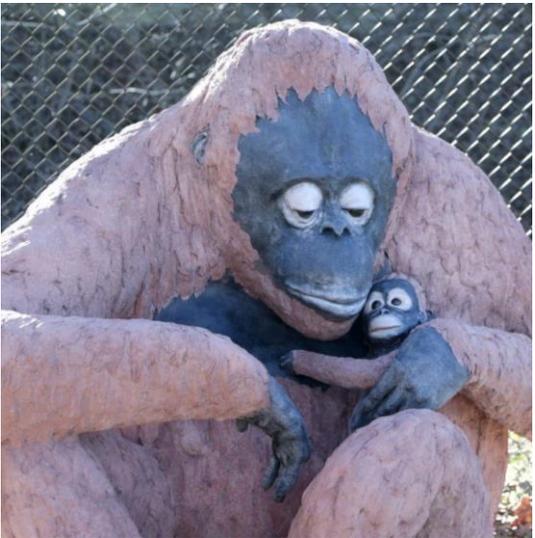
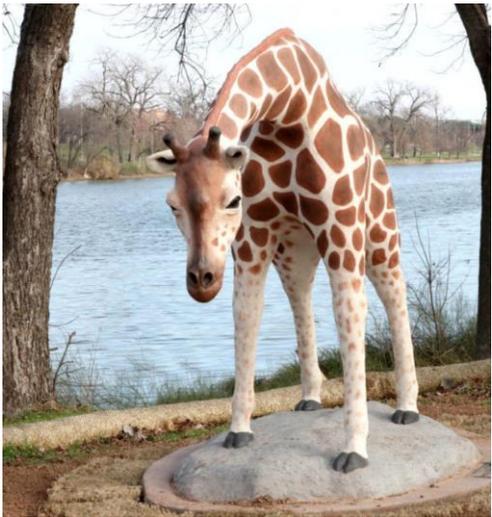
- Made from hand sculpted concrete (GFRC) with integral color pigments on a welded armature
- Includes a 1928 Model A Ford protected with Evercoat Primer, lacquer sealer, and Sherman Williams 2k urethane anti-graffiti coating
- Depicts several animals that are in danger of extinction without valuable conservation efforts of entities like Cameron Park Zoo

Artwork Specifications

- 12'7"" long x 9'6" high x 5'5" wide
- weighs approximately 1900 lbs. Designed to be moved as needed with a forklift. No anchors needed
- the artist warrants that the artwork has been created and finished with consideration to its strength, safety and durability in a public setting
- easily cleaned with a hose or shop vac, with weep openings for rain and water
- movable parts (e.g. lug nuts, handles, etc.) are secured with Loctite metal glue to prevent theft



Solomon Bassoff's other artwork in Waco



Proposed Plaque



SOLOMON BASSOFF (B. 1952)
On The Road To Extinction, installed 2023
concrete, steel and adapted model A Ford

Given by Betsy and Clifton Robinson
in memory of Judge Ken Starr
and in honor of Alice Starr

And in recognition of Cameron Park Zoo's work
to save endangered species



Budget

Sculpture Purchase	\$200,000 (donated by the Robinsons)
Plaque cast and install	\$ 3,000 (donated by the Robinsons)
Transportation & installation	\$ 10,000 (anonymous donor)
Administration & legal	\$ 5,000 (covered by Creative Waco)
Total	\$218,000

Request

- 1/ That City of Waco accept the artwork into its public art collection (following inspection and approval by city staff)
- 2/ That the City of Waco adopt ongoing care, maintenance and safe presentation of the artwork in a public setting in accordance with established best practices
- 3/ That the sculpture be located in or around Cameron Park Zoo with a plaque recognizing artist, donors, and honorees

The approval of this item is on today's consent calendar



Questions?

