

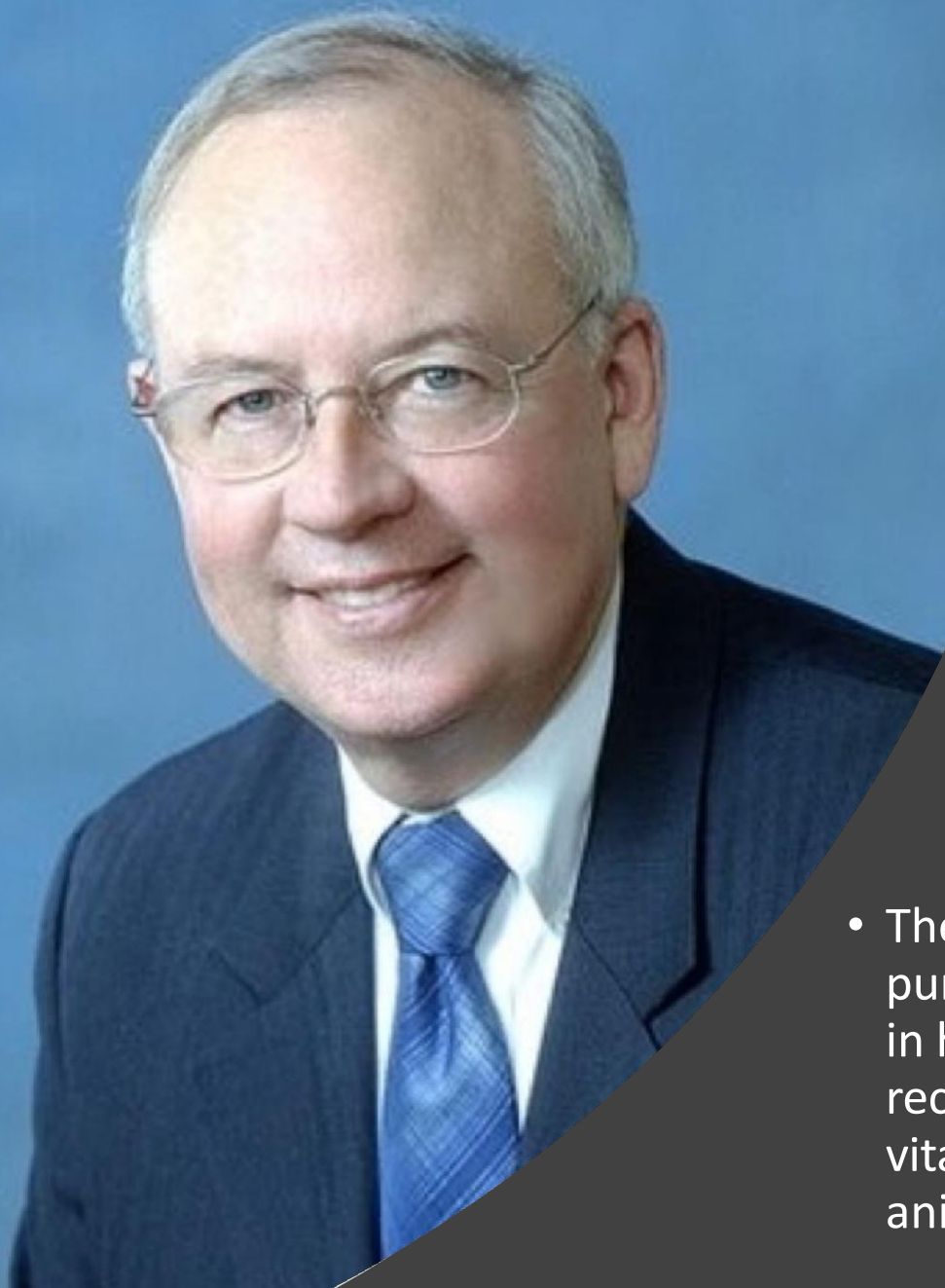


# “On the Road To Extinction”

*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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>

# 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?

