

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of James H. "Jim" Ripley to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, as amended by Chapter 993 of the Public Acts of 2012, provides for the creation of the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, further provides that the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) members to such commission; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Beth Harwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has recently appointed James H. "Jim" Ripley of Sevier County to serve on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley will serve a term on the commission that expires on February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is a lifelong outdoorsman who is well informed in the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds, and fish within this state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is an attorney and partner with Sharp and Ripley PLLC in Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated practitioner of his profession, he is a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Sevier County Bar Association, and American Board of Trial Advocates; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of great civic responsibility, Mr. Ripley serves as Vice-Chairman of the Tennessee Education Lottery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley hails from a distinguished background in natural resource and wildlife conservation; he is the son of the late Dr. Thomas H. Ripley, who served as TVA

Director of the Office of Natural Resources and President of the American Forestry Association;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is president of the Labrador Retriever Foundation and a member of the Ducks Unlimited and the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Webb School in Knoxville, he earned his B.A. in 1980 and his J.D. in 1983, both at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is fortunate to share love and companionship with his daughter, Meghon Ripley Shotwell, and son-in-law, Michael Shotwell; and

WHEREAS, as a fish and wildlife commissioner, Mr. Ripley is looking forward to this "fantastic opportunity to give back to the sports (hunting and fishing) I have enjoyed throughout my lifetime"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that the members appointed to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission by the speaker of the house of representatives shall be confirmed by the house conservation and environment committee and the senate energy and environment committee and by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of James H. "Jim" Ripley of Sevier County to a four-year, eight-month term on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2017.