

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor V. Lynn Evans on her historic election as Chair of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those Tennesseans who, through their professional excellence, have earned national recognition; and

WHEREAS, V. Lynn Evans is one such individual who was recently elected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; she is the first African-American, the first woman, and the first Memphian to serve as Chair in its eighty-three-year history; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1933 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors in seven southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, originally from Anguilla, Mississippi, Lynn Evans received her Bachelor of Science degree from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi; she has operated her own certified public accounting and consulting firm, V. Lynn Evans, CPA, since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans served on the board of ArtsMemphis, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, and the RISE Foundation; she also served as board member and chair of the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis and served as chair of the Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Board of Commissioners from 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, recommended to President Barack Obama by Congressman Steve Cohen, Lynn Evans was sworn in as a TVA board member in January 2013 after confirmation by the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Evans has served on the Nuclear Oversight, People and Performance, and External Relations committees; since 2014, she has chaired the board's Audit, Risk, and Regulation committee; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Evans is a sterling representative of her profession and a Tennessean of the highest caliber, and it is fitting that we recognize her accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate V. Lynn Evans upon her historic election as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, extending our best wishes for her every future success and happiness

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.