

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 762

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Herbert Hilliard as a commissioner of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101(a), creates the Tennessee Public Utility Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101(a)(1), provides that two commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission shall be appointed by the governor; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has reappointed Herbert Hilliard of Memphis to serve as a commissioner of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission for a term that will expire on June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilliard was originally appointed to serve on the Tennessee Public Utility Commission by Governor Bill Haslam in 2012 and reappointed by the governor for a second term in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilliard formerly served as executive vice president and chief government relations officer for First Horizon National Corporation and was responsible for the corporation's lobbying activities at the federal and state levels; and

WHEREAS, retiring from First Horizon National Corporation in 2012, Mr. Hilliard was a forty-three-year veteran of the company, having joined the bank in 1969 after earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Personnel Administration and Industrial Relations from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he has completed additional studies at the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, the Tennessee Executive Development Program

at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Cornell University's Executive Development Program, and Crosby Quality College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilliard currently serves as chairman of the board of directors of the National Civil Rights Museum and as a board member of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, which he currently serves as chairman of the audit committee; he also served as chairman of the board for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee from 2000 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, he was chairman of the Memphis Housing Authority board from 1992 to 1993, 1987 chairman of the United Way general fund drive, and the 1988 chairman of the Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner; in 2004, Mr. Hilliard was named one of the fifty most powerful African Americans in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Hilliard is a past member of the Memphis Park Commission, the University of Memphis National Alumni Board, the University of Memphis Foundation Board, and the Boards of Directors for the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hilliard's extensive experience in both the public and private sectors will continue to be valuable to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101(d)(1), provides that each appointment to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission shall be confirmed by joint resolution adopted by each house of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Herbert Hilliard of Memphis to serve a six-year term as a commissioner of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, such term to expire on June 30, 2029.