

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Elaine Swafford to the advisory board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-501, established an advisory board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-501, provides that the governor shall appoint five (5) members to such advisory board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Dr. Elaine Swafford to the advisory board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for a term that shall expire on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong educator with forty years of service, Dr. Swafford is the CEO of the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy (CGLA), the first all-girls, public charter STEM school in Tennessee. Previously, she served as executive principal of the Howard School of Academics and Technology and Area II Superintendent for the Hamilton County Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Swafford was the founding CEO of the Chattanooga Preparatory School in 2016. Most recently, Dr. Swafford and her team received approval for the first Chattanooga public charter school, Montessori Elementary at Highland Park, which opened in August 2021; and

WHEREAS, prior to accepting her calling to lead CGLA, she served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Chattanooga State Community College, where she had previously served as Vice President of Economic and Community Development; she was recently named the Chair of the Tennessee Charter School Center Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Dr. Swafford was a member of Class V of Leadership Tennessee and served as president of the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary in 2020-2021; she is currently the 2021-2022 United Way Campaign Chair and Chair of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Chancellor's Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-501, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the advisory board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga shall be confirmed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Elaine Swafford to the advisory board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for a term that expires on June 30, 2025.