

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 786

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Nisha Powers to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), creates a standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), requires that such committee "review and evaluate the recommendations of the two (2) standards review and development committees and post the recommendations to the website created pursuant to § 49-1-311(a)(3) for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the public"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), further requires that the committee "make the final recommendations as to the new set of standards to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards in English language arts and mathematics that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Nisha Powers to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, a part of the engineering community in Memphis since 1997, Nisha Powers is the president of Powers Hill Design, LLC, a civil engineering firm she founded in 2005. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, she has rendered sterling service to the State of Tennessee as a member of the Industry Working Group, which was part of Governor Lee's Tennessee Pledge -

Reopening Tennessee Responsibly Plan in 2020 and has been a member of the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission since 2011; she currently serves as chairman of the commission, having been reappointed by Governor Bill Haslam in 2016; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, she has lent her time and talents to numerous civic and charitable organizations, including the Sports Authority Corporation, Visible Music College, Women's Business Council, and Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, and works closely with the University of Memphis's Girls Experiencing Engineering program; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; 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 confirm the appointment of Nisha Powers to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.