

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 876

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mike Witt to the State Forestry Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a State Forestry Commission within the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Mike Witt to the State Forestry Commission as an owner of not more than 500 acres of forest land for a term that expires on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mike Witt was employed by Norwalk Furniture Corporation in Cookeville for thirty-six years as its raw materials manager, in which position he was responsible for log and timber operations, lumber grading, sawmilling, dry kiln operations, and lumber sales; he ended his tenure with the company as vice president of manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, Mr. Witt has served as treasurer and an executive committee member of the Tennessee Forestry Association; he is a member of the Cookeville Tree Board and the board of directors of the Upper Cumberland Forestry Association, both of which he also served as chairman; and

WHEREAS, he served on the University of Tennessee Agriculture Alumni Advisory Council from 2004-2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Witt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management and a Master of Science degree in Forest Business from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has helped to promote sound forest management practices within the State and worked to improve harvesting techniques and water quality; and

WHEREAS, Mike Witt is a person of integrity whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Forestry Commission shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Mike Witt to the State Forestry Commission for a term that expires on June 30, 2024.