

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 119

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Susan Bunch of Lexington to the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201, provides for the creation of the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201(a)(1)(A), provides that the Speaker of the Senate shall appoint one member from each grand division of the State to the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201(b)(1)(B), provides that one member from each grand division of the State be a director of a city school system or special school district; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, Speaker of the Senate, acting pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201(a)(1)(A), has appointed Susan Bunch of Lexington as a member representing Middle Tennessee on the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission for a term that commences on January 1, 2015, and expires on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Susan Bunch is the Director of Schools for the Lexington City School System, and has rendered sterling service with the school system since August 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, since embarking upon her career in education in 1974, Susan Bunch has amassed more than forty years of educational experience. She served as a kindergarten teacher at Bargerton Elementary School in Henderson County from 1974 through 1986, when she was appointed as the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, a post she held until 2003, when she was named the Superintendent of Henderson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Susan Bunch served as the Assistant Commissioner of Education in the Division of Teaching and Learning at the Tennessee Department of Education from 2006 until 2008, at which time she began serving as the Program Director for the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation, a position she held until 2011, when she became the Director of Schools for the Lexington City School System; and

WHEREAS, Susan Bunch earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Memphis, and has completed forty-five hours of postgraduate work in education administration and supervision and science education at the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to the pursuit of educational excellence, Susan Bunch has dedicated her time and energies to a number of professional and civic organizations, councils, and associations, including the Tennessee Electronic Learning Center, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Education Leadership Council, the American Association of School Administrators, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Professional Women, the board of directors of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, the Tennessee Small Systems for Equity organization, the Lexington Rotary Club, and the board of directors of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Susan Bunch was named the Supervisor of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education in 2002 and was given a Tennessee Service Award to State Parks and the West Tennessee Environmental Education Administrator of the Year award. She is also the recipient of the Aide de Camp designation, given to her by Governor Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2201(d)(1), provides that each member, prior to beginning a term of office, shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Susan Bunch to the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission for a term that commences on January 1, 2015, and expires on December 31, 2015.