

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 125

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Elissa Kim of Nashville to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the Governor shall appoint nine members to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Elissa Kim of Nashville to the State Board of Education to a term that will expire on March 31, 2021, as a member representing the 5th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Elissa Kim currently advises education and nonprofit organizations as an independent consultant; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Northwestern University, Ms. Kim joined Teach for America and taught English for three years at the largest public high school in New Orleans, Louisiana; she went on to serve seventeen years with Teach for America, most recently serving as the executive vice president of recruitment and admissions; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Kim's leadership, Teach for America realized compound annual growth in applications to the corps of eighteen percent; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Ms. Kim was elected to a four-year term on the Metro Nashville Public Schools' Board of Education, representing its fifth district; she currently serves on the board of Nashville Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, Elissa Kim is a person of integrity and an active citizen 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 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Elissa Kim to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2021.