

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 180

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Janet Ayers 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 total members (one member from each of Tennessee's nine Congressional Districts) to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam recently appointed Ms. Janet Ayers of Parsons to serve on the State Board of Education representing the 7th Congressional District; Ms. Ayers will serve on the State Board of Education during a term that will expire on March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in filling this important position, Ms. Ayers succeeds her husband, Jim Ayers, who served on the State Board of Education from 2004-2012; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ayers presently serves as President of The Ayers Foundation, which funds the Scholars Program for several West Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, a native of Unicoi County, Ms. Ayers has generously donated her time and talents to public service as a board member of Abe's Garden, Chairman of Centerstone of Tennessee, Vice Chairman of the Centerstone Research Institute, board member of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and The United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, board member and President of Unicoi County United Way, board member and Chairman of the Unicoi County Economic Development Board, and a member, board member, and President of the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a retired nursing home administrator, Ms. Ayers holds a bachelor of science degree in Health Care Administration from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ayers' professional experience and ongoing commitment to public service will be tremendous assets to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that all members appointed to the State Board of Education by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body hereby confirms the appointment of Janet Ayers to the State Board of Education for a term to expire on March 31, 2017.