

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 269

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of James H. "Jim" Ripley to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, further provides that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two (2) members to such commission; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Glen Casada, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has appointed James H. "Jim" Ripley of Sevier County to serve on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley will serve a term on the commission that commences on March 1, 2019, and expires on February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is a lifelong outdoorsman who is well informed in the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds, and fish within this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is an attorney and a partner with Sharp and Ripley, PLLC, in Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated practitioner of his profession, he is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, Sevier County Bar Association, and American Board of Trial Advocates; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of great civic responsibility, Mr. Ripley was a member of the inaugural Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery and served as a Commissioner of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission from 2012 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, a 1975 graduate of the Webb School of Knoxville, Mr. Ripley earned a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1980 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ripley is a person of integrity, and his experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues will be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that the members appointed to the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be confirmed by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; the Senate Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of James H. "Jim" Ripley of Sevier County to serve on the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission for a term that will expire on February 28, 2023.