

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 393

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Nicholas Darnell of Hamblen County 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 appointed Nicholas Darnell of Hamblen County to the State Board of Education to a term that will expire on March 31, 2023, as a member representing the 1st Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Nicholas Darnell is an eighth-grade American history and government teacher in Hamblen County, and he officially joined the State Board of Education in May 2018; and

WHEREAS, a teaching professional for twelve years, Mr. Darnell was chosen as the East Ridge Middle School, Hamblen County, and the First Tennessee Core Region Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, also in 2015, he was selected by Governor Haslam to serve as a member of the first Governor's Teacher Cabinet and served as an advisor to the governor and the commissioner of education for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his peers, Nicholas Darnell has served as a learning leader for Hamblen County by providing facilitation for Professional Learning Communities, leading professional development, and mentoring fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Darnell 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Nicholas Darnell to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2023.