

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Eleanor Yoakum of Tazewell to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-101, provides for the creation of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-103, provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Eleanor Yoakum to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation for a term beginning January 8, 2018, and expiring June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tazewell, Ms. Yoakum is the chairman of Community First Bank; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Glenn Yoakum, a former state senator, and Leo Walker Yoakum, a longtime educator and former school superintendent, Eleanor Yoakum was raised in a nurturing atmosphere where community involvement and public service were a way of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yoakum became involved with her family's businesses, Yoakum's Banner Warehouse and First Claiborne Bank, in the late 1960s; in 1974, she became the first woman to serve on the eight-state Burley Auction Warehouse Association Board, and in 1990, she was appointed to the United States Federal Advisory Board on Tobacco by President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, an active citizen of her State and community, Eleanor Yoakum served on the Claiborne County Election Commission for fifteen years, and she was appointed to the Tennessee Arts Commission by Governor Lamar Alexander in 1985 and subsequently reappointed to the commission by Governor Ned McWherter in 1991; and

WHEREAS, following the death of her father in 1990, Ms. Yoakum was elected chairman of First Claiborne Bank, becoming one of only four female bank presidents in the State; in 1995, she was appointed to the Tennessee Board for Economic Growth by Governor Don Sundquist, and in 1996, Governor Sundquist appointed her Commissioner of Personnel for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yoakum 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 4-51-103(f), provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation 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 we hereby confirm the appointment of Eleanor Yoakum to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation for a term beginning January 8, 2018, and expiring June 30, 2021.