## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 978**

## By Johnson

## A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Warren Wells of Bedford 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 Lee has appointed Warren Wells of Bedford County to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2026, as a member representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Warren Wells is the CEO of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. He holds an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Motlow State Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Warren Wells proudly served his country as a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard from 2001 to 2010 and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2005 to 2006; he earned the Combat Action Badge and received the Army Commendation Medal in recognition of his exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Mr. Wells previously rendered sterling service to the General Assembly as a research analyst for the Senate and as the director of legislation for Governor Bill Haslam; and

WHEREAS, Warren Wells 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 TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Warren Wells of Bedford County to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2026.