

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1125

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to commend Elissa Kim for her honorable and astute service on the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm as public servants in education; and

WHEREAS, representing the Fifth Congressional District, Elissa Kim is one such individual, who has been an invaluable asset to Tennessee as a member of the State Board of Education and recently completed her appointed term of office; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure on the State Board of Education, Ms. Kim distinguished herself as a knowledgeable voice and stalwart advocate for public education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Elissa Kim joined Teach For America after graduating from college and taught English for three years at the largest public high school in the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, she joined Teach For America's central staff and served the organization for another seventeen years, most recently as Executive Vice President of Recruitment and Admissions; and

WHEREAS, under her inspired leadership, Teach For America realized compound annual growth in applications to the corps of eighteen percent; and

WHEREAS, since leaving the organization in 2015, Ms. Kim has advised education and nonprofit organizations as an independent consultant; and

WHEREAS, fully realizing the responsibilities of citizenship, she also served a term on the Board of Education for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and presently serves on the board of Nashville Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kim holds a degree in history and religion from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Elissa Kim 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, Ms. Kim has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful educational community as well; 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 we commend Elissa Kim for her honorable and astute service as a member of the State Board of Education, commend her ongoing commitment to public service, and thank her for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.