

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

By Campfield

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Ms. Danni B. Varlan to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides for the creation of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint fourteen (14) members to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Danni B. Varlan of Knoxville was originally appointed to the Board of Regents on September 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has now appointed Ms. Varlan to serve a full term on the Board of Regents; Mr. Smith will represent the Second Congressional District during a term that will expire on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after serving for eleven years on its Board of Directors, Ms. Varlan joined East Tennessee Children's Hospital, the only Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center in East Tennessee, as Major Gifts and Annual Giving Officer; and

WHEREAS, from 2002 until 2012, Ms. Varlan was the President of East Tennesseans for Airfare Competition, a nonprofit business coalition created for the purposes of developing and implementing initiatives to bring competitively priced air service to McGhee Tyson Airport; in this role, she planned, developed, and implemented strategies to educate the community and businesses in the East Tennessee region about how to support and keep competitive airfare service in the regional market; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional positions, Ms. Varlan is active in her community; she currently serves on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity, for which she is chair-elect, and the Knoxville Salvation Army Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Varlan is a graduate of the 1998 class of Leadership Knoxville, which she also served as Program Director from 1999-2002; she has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Varlan's educational and professional experience will continue to be a tremendous asset to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Danni B. Varlan 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 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the Board of Regents shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body hereby confirms the appointment of Danni B. Varlan to the Tennessee Board of Regents for a term to expire on June 30, 2019.